







PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada,
AT THE
NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD AT
ST. CATHARINES, C. W., ON THE SECOND TUESDAY,
THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. L., 5866, A. D., 1866.



Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved:

ADDRESS:

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, OTTAWA, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the Town of St. Catharines, on the second Tuesday, the 14th day of August, A.L., 5866, A.D., 1866.

PRESENT :

M.E. Comp.	W. Mercer Wilson,	as	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	"	H.	
" " "	Thomas McCracken,	"	J.	

On the Throne.

R. " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.	
" " "	Augustus T. Houel,	as " " N.	
" " "	W. J. B. McLeod Moore,	" Prin'l Sojourner.	
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	as " Treasurer.	
" " "	Edwin Goodman,	" Registrar.	
" " "	H. W. Day,	as " 1st As't Sojourner.	
V. " "	A. G. Smyth,	" 2nd " "	
" " "	William Reid,	as " Sword Bearer.	
" " "	Joseph J. Curran,	as " Standard "	
" " "	Benj'n E. Charlton,	as " Dir. of Ceremonies.	
V. " "	Wm. M. Jamieson,	" Organist.	
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	as " Pursuivant.	
" " "	Walter Chatfield,	as " Janitor.	
V. " "	Henry A. Sims,	} Grand Stewards.	
" " "	John Clarke,		
" " "	Peter Beggs,		
" " "	C. L. Beard,		

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R E. Comp. Charles Kahn,
 " " " James Seymour,

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	William Mercer Wilson,	P. G. Z.
" " "	Thompson Wilson,	P. G. Z.
R. " "	Thomas Duggan,	P. G. H.
" " "	W. J. B. McLeod Moore,	P. G. H.
" " "	W. B. Simpson,	P. G. J.
V. " "	Wm. M. Jamieson,	P. G. Org'st.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in *Dux* form.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed Companions James Seymour, Henry A. Sims and John Clarke, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives, announced the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter :

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, P.Z. and P.G.H.
 " " Charles D. Macdonnell, P.Z. and G.H.

No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, P.Z. and P.G.H.
 " " William Reid, P. H.
 " " Joseph J. Curran, P. H.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON.

V. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, Z. and G. 2d Ass't Soj'r.
 M. " " Thompson Wilson, P.Z. and P.G.Z.

- No. 6. ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.
 E. Comp. Benj'n E. Charlton, H.
 R. " " Thomas B. Harris, P.Z. and G.S.E.
 " " " Thomas McCracken, P.Z. and G. J.
- No. 7. MOIRA, BELLEVILLE.
 E. Comp. H. W. Day, H.
 R. " " L. H. Henderson, P.Z. and P.G. Reg'r.
- No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO.
 E. Comp. Augustus T. Houel, Z.
- No. 12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.
 R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, P.Z.
- No. 13. STADACONA, QUEBEC.
 E. Comp. John S. Bowen, P.Z.
- No. 15. WAWANOSH, SARNIA.
 V. E. Comp. Wm. M. Jamieson, Z. and P. G. Org'st.
- No. 16. CARLETON, OTTAWA.
 V. E. Comp. Henry A. Sims, Z. and G. Steward.
 " " " W.J.B. McLeod Moore, P.Z. and P.G.H.
- No. 18. OXFORD, WOODSTOCK.
 E. Comp. Charles L. Beard, H.
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.
 E. Comp. Samuel G. Dolson, Z.
 " " Robert Struthers, J.
 R. " " James Seymour, P.Z. and G. Sup'td.
 " " " Edwin Goodman, P.Z. and G. Reg'r.
 " " Charles P. Camp, P.Z.
 " " Wm. McGhie, P.Z.
- No. 21. CARNARVON, MONTREAL.
 R. E. Comp. James Seymour, (proxy.)
- No. 22. GRENVILLE, PRESCOTT.
 V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, (proxy.)

No. 23.

EZRA, SIMCOE.

V. E. Comp. John Clarke, Z. and G. Steward.

M. " " W. M. Wilson, P.Z. and P.G.Z.

No. 24.

TECUMSEH, STRATFORD.

R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn, Z. and G. Sup'td.

No. 25. -

MOUNT HOREB, MONTREAL.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

U. D.

ST. MARK'S, TRENTON.

E. Comp. H. W. Day, Z.

" " Peter Begg, J.

R. " " C. D. Macdonnell, P.Z. and G.H.

" " " L. H. Henderson, P.Z. and P.G. Reg'r.

U. D.

MANITOU, COLLINGWOOD.

E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Z.

" " Henry Macpherson, H.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted leave for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That inasmuch as the proceedings at the regular Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the Town of Prescott, on the 8th day of August, A. D., 1865, have been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the subordinate Chapters, the minutes of said Convocation be considered read, and the same be now confirmed.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Wilson read a letter he had received from the Grand Z., Most E. Comp. T. D. Harington,

regretting that matters of importance precluded the possibility of his being present at this Annual Convocation.

The M. E. Comp. Wilson, read the following address of the M. E. Z. to the Companions assembled :

ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

GREETING :

COMPANIONS :

I regret exceedingly that I am not able to meet you this year in Convocation. It is a great disappointment to me for several reasons, not the least of which being that I am prevented forming one of a band of Companions, who can seldom arrange to meet together and exchange their hearty congratulations, except at our annual assemblages, to which I have always looked with much true anticipatory pleasure. But the termination of Parliament, and important measures passed by the Legislature at once coming into effect, render it impossible for me to absent myself from my duty as a public officer. I have therefore requested Most Excellent Companion W. M. Wilson, your respected Past Grand First Principal, to preside for me over your deliberations, on this your ninth Annual Convocation.

Once again it falls to my lot, Companions, to call upon you, reverently to return humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God, for sparing us to confer together,—for our prosperous condition,—and for His many blessings poured out upon us, and this favored portion of the British dominions.

As I had the pleasure of doing last year, so I am now enabled to state, that I know of no serious breach of harmony existing between our Chapters, or Companions. I have, on the contrary, good reason to believe that all are working in unison, and that a quiet, continuous growth of prosperity exists in our Order. My work has been light in consequence, having been

confined principally to granting certain necessary Dispensations, and replying to questions relating to Capitular Jurisprudence.

I have granted a second Dispensation in favor of "*St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter*," to be holden at Trenton, C. W., which had not commenced working at the time of our last Annual Convocation, but which Right Excellent Companion Fowler, Grand Superintendent for the Central and Prince Edward District, has now formally opened and constituted according to ancient usage.

I have also granted a Dispensation for the "*Manitou Royal Arch Chapter*," to be holden at Collingwood, C. W., the petition for which came to me duly and constitutionally recommended. The Right Excellent Companion Harris, Grand Scribe E., opened and constituted this new subordinate.

I recommend Grand Chapter to confirm these two new Chapters by Warrants.

The several other Dispensations granted by me have been ordinary ones, coming under—"Of Subordinate Chapters, Sections 6, 17 and 18," in the new Book of Constitution, and deemed by me to be necessary for the well-working of the Chapters interested. For more full details of the progress of our Order in the respective Districts, and the condition of your several subordinate Chapters, I refer you to the annual reports of the Grand Superintendents,—which I take for granted those really important officers have furnished to the Grand Scribe E. for your information, as they are bound to do by the Constitution and General Regulations—without them no reliable statistics can be compiled.

I refer Grand Chapter to the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. for information as to the state of our finances. The accounts sanctioned at the last Annual Convocation have been paid.

It is with sincere pleasure I am able to declare, that with all our sister Grand Bodies our communications and relations are of the very kindest description. Such of their proceedings as have been received, have been handed to Right Excellent

Companion Seymour, Chairman of the *Committee of Foreign Correspondence*, who, with his accustomed assiduity, has again, at much personal inconvenience, given them his careful attention, and prepared a report for publication with our own proceedings.

The *new Constitution*, under the excellent supervision of your Grand Scribe E., is printed and distributed, a cause of congratulation to us all. As regards the *Royal Arch Work*, sanctioned by Grand Chapter, it would be well if it were exemplified during this Convocation, inasmuch as I discover that it is not even yet generally understood and adopted. Should this suggestion meet your approval, I have requested Right Excellent Companion Seymour to act for me in this behalf, assisted by Grand Scribe E. It is of importance that our subordinate Chapters should no longer be left to their own resources, but that all should work alike. It is a matter for regret that the income of Grand Chapter will not, as yet, bear the payment for a Grand Lecturer, whose periodical visits would do an infinite amount of good.

The near accomplishment of the confederation of the dominions on this continent of our beloved Queen, God bless her! naturally causes me to invite your attention to the formation of a "*Grand Chapter of British North America*," and to suggest that communication be at once entered into with our Companions of the maritime Provinces on this matter, so interesting to us all. And all Chapters hailing from the "*old country*" should be cordially invited and urged to become members of the confederacy.

Before concluding, Companions, permit me to offer to your notice two subjects of sincere congratulation, as I consider them. The first is the successful accomplishment of the marvellous task of uniting the old and new worlds by the "*Atlantic Telegraph*." Already has the small, but wonder-working wire, imbedded as it is in the profound depths of an ocean, been the medium of messages of peace and good-will between Great Britain and the United States of America; and as it has brought these two powerful, closely allied nations into what may be called *speaking* distance of each other, why should it not be the means of making

the Brethren and Companions of our Ancient Order, in the two hemispheres, more intimately known to, and all the better able to help each other. May it prove so ! May it be another means of diffusing through men's hearts, and through the world, that glorious proclamation issued more than eighteen centuries ago—*"Glory to God in the Highest ! Peace on Earth—Good will towards men !"*

In the second place, I think it a fit subject on which to congratulate Freemasons, members of an Order, in which loyalty to their Sovereign and country is and should ever be considered as *second nature*, (as declared in its ancient charges,) on the discomfiture of a set of lawless men, who, under pretence of righting Ireland's wrongs, meant murder, robbery, and other mischief to Canada. It is a matter of congratulation that these misguided men (Fenians) were thrust off the soil they were polluting by an entire population, whose strong boast is that they are subjects of such a Sovereign over hearts, as well as dominions, as Queen Victoria !

In conclusion I beg to offer my hearty thanks to the several Grand Superintendents and Grand officers for their support and assistance during the year that has passed. May peace continue to bless our common country, and may the Great Architect of the Universe spare us to meet again happily, and continue his blessings to us and all belonging to us, and prosper these our present proceedings ! *So mote it be !*

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,

Grand Z.

OTTAWA, 6th August, 1866.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the address of the M. E. Z. be referred to a special Committee, to be named by the Grand Council for consideration, and to report thereon at an early hour.

The M. E. Council nominated the following Companions such Committee ; E. Comp. John S. Bowen, Henry Macpherson, and R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn.

The following reports from the Grand Superintendents of the various Masonic Districts were read, viz :

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in annual convocation assembled :

As Superintendent for the London District, and in accordance with the regulation of this Grand Chapter, I beg to submit the following brief report on the condition of R. A. Masonry in this District.

I have visited "Wawanosh" Chapter, No. 15, and have much pleasure in being able to report that that Chapter is now in a progressive state, and for which too much credit cannot be given to V. E. Comp. Jamieson for his indefatigable zeal and exertion where many others would have given up in despair.

I have not visited St. "George's Chapter," London, but have conversed with several of its officers, from whom I have learned that the Chapter continues to be prosperous.

As regards the third and youngest—"Tecumseh Chapter," I have only to repeat what I stated in my last annual report, and to add further, that it is not behind her sister Chapters, either in harmony or material prosperity.

CHARLES KAHN,
Grand Sup., London District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, in annual convocation assembled :

In conformity with constitutional requirements, I again present a report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in

the Hamilton District, the superintendence of which has been under my charge during the past three years.

The three Chapters comprised within the District, namely, "The Hiram," No. 2, "St. John's," No. 6, and "Mount Moriah," No. 19, are all in a prosperous state, more work having been done by each during the year than in any previous one. It is also a source of much pleasure to add that that work has been well tried, true and trusty, and such as we are authorised to receive. At any time an unusual increase of work in subordinate Chapters should be a source of solicitude to those in charge, for without due discretion in guarding well the approaches, material is apt to creep in which will neither strengthen our temple nor adorn its portals; but in the Chapters under my care I am well assured that this all-important consideration has been carefully looked to in the selections made.

Another topic worthy of remark is, that during my incumbency no case of grievance or appeal has been submitted to me—a fact which speaks creditably for the harmonious working and fraternal feeling that has characterized each Chapter during that period. The officers generally are well up in their work, and to their zeal, punctual attendance and careful supervision, is due that prosperity and efficiency that it affords me so much satisfaction to record.

The result of this cheering state of affairs is, that I now hold in my hands a petition from ten Companions residing at Dunnville, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Chapter at that place. Lacking, however, as it does, the recommendation of the nearest Chapter in the vicinity, I of course have returned it to have this defect supplied. But I would say regarding it, that from the well known zeal and efficiency of the Companions in that place, that any authority confided to them to work under the Grand Chapter of Canada will not be misplaced.

Believing that three years is quite long enough for any one individual to hold the station of Grand Superintendent, when it is remembered that there are many worthy Ex. Companions in the District whose devotion and intelligence entitle them to

preferment, I beg to decline re-election, and make way for a more worthy successor. In closing I would return my sincere thanks to the officers and Companions for the uniform courtesy shown me at all times of visitation, a favor which I appreciate the more from the fact of ill health preventing my meeting them as often as I would have liked.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. SEYMOUR,

Grand Sup., H. D.

ST. CATHARINES, July 30, 1866.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the M. E. Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution I have the honor of submitting my report on the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District for the past year.

It affords me much pleasure to state that in the early part of this year application was made by nine R. A. Masons for a Dispensation to form a Chapter at Collingwood, which Dispensation having been granted by the M. E. Grand Z. Manitou Chapter, No. —, was instituted and opened at the town of Collingwood, County of Simcoe, on the 25th day of February last. Myself, R. E. Companion T. B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., E. Companion Aug. T. Houel, Principal Z., King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, G. R. C. and E. Companion Alfred De Grassi, Past Principal Z., St. John's Chapter, No. 75, officiating, and the following Companions installed as officers :

E. Companions Henry Robertson, Z. ; Henry Macpherson, H. ; E. A. Walker, J. ; Companions John Harvie, Scribe E. ; A. B. McPhee, Scribe N. ; James Wilson, P. S. ; M. H. Spencer, Sen. S. ; Ed. Marrow, Jr. S. ; Henry Grosse, Janitor.

Since that date this Chapter has received an accession of fifteen members, and is now prosperously working. It meets on the first Friday of every month.

I have officially visited King "Solomon's Chapter," No. 8, G. R. C., Toronto, and can assure Grand Chapter that it presents every indication of a return to former prosperity.

The only other Chapter under my superintendency, viz, "St. Andrew's," No. 4, G. R. C., I am sorry to say, has held no meeting within nearly three years, nor is it likely ever again to meet. I would recommend that Grand Chapter take some action in the matter.

Fraternal courtesy and friendly feelings have characterized the proceedings of both Chapters in this District.

From a general review of Capitular Masonry in the District, I have pleasure in stating my belief that, although for some time nearly dormant, the cloud has passed over and it now bids fair to regain its ancient brightness.

Freely and fervently do we return thanks to the Most High that it has pleased Him to keep us free from sickness and from death.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES ADAMS,

G. Sup., T. D.

TORONTO, July 30, 1866.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. E. Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

Agreeably to Constitutional requirements, I have the honor to submit to you the following brief report of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Montreal.

The Chapters in this District are in number the same as reported last year, namely, two, and my duties as Grand Superintendent have been very light.

The "Carnarvon" Chapter, No. 21, continues to work in a truly commendable manner, the members, generally, are expert

in their duties, and seem to have that love for the institution of Masonry, and that desire to see their own Chapter excel in the good work, without which no Chapter can progress.

The "Mount Horeb" Chapter, No. 25, has not been so fortunate during the past year as formerly, having lost by death its Second Principal, a truly efficient and worthy officer, who stood high in the estimation of his Companions. He was one of the founders of the Chapter, and took a great interest in its welfare and prosperity. The services of the Third Principal and Scribe E. were also lost to the Chapter, their business obliging them to reside away from Montreal, and preventing them from attending the meetings of the Chapter, and leaving a young Chapter with but few working members, these losses were severely felt. I am happy, however, to report that these difficulties have not prevented the Chapter from meeting regularly, and discharging faithfully those important duties, the perfection of which should be the great desire and untiring purpose of every one who has the honor to be a Companion of the Royal Art.

All which is most respectfully submitted,

THOS. MILTON,

Grand Supt., M. D.

MONTREAL, 11th August, 1866.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS' DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I have the honor, again, to submit a report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Eastern Townships' District, as required by the Grand Chapter.

It must necessarily be brief, for nothing worthy of note has occurred during the past year.

The members of Chapters in my District continues nominally three, viz :

“Golden Rule,” at Stanstead.

“Bedford District,” at Dunham.

“Dorchester,” at Waterloo.

The “Bedford District” Chapter has held no Convocation for about four years.

The others do not shew the same prosperity that I had the honor to mention in a former report, but I believe that nothing has transpired to mar the harmony existing amongst their members, who are endeavoring faithfully to discharge their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ROBINSON,

Grand Supt., E. T. D.

WATERLOO, C. E., 4th August, 1866.

The Grand Scribe E. reported to Grand Chapter that he had not received reports from the Grand Superintendents of the Wilson, Central and Quebec Districts.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, and resolved—

That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts just read be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted his Annual Statements, together with those of the Grand Treasurer, which were on motion received and referred to the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Dr. THOMAS B. HARRIS, G. S. E., in Account with Grand Chapter for the financial year ending August 1st, 1866.

Cr.

1866.		1865.	
No.	\$ c.	August 29—By Grand Treasurer	\$ c.
1—Ancient Frontenac.....	79 30	Dec. 30—" "	116 20
" 2—The Hiram.....	44 20	1866.	89 40
" 5—St. George's.....	37 80	Feb. 1—" "	107 70
" 6—St. John's.....	73 80	August 1—" "	297 70
" 7—King Solomon's	50 00		
" 12—Catarqui.....	13 80		
" 13—Stadacona	3 00		
" 15—Wawanosh	6 00		
" 16—Carleton	8 60		
" 17—Dorchester	40 90		
" 18—Oxford	28 60		
" 20—Mount Horeb	17 20		
" 21—Carnarvon	24 70		
" 23—Ezra	15 70		
" 24—Tecumseh	36 70		
" 25—Mount Horeb	81 70		
U. D.—St. Mark's	9 00		
U. D.—Manitou	40 00		
	<u>\$611 00</u>		<u>\$611 00</u>

Audited

CHAS. D. MACDONNELL, Chairman Ex-Com.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

HAMILTON, August 1st, 1866.

*To the M. E. Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of
R. A. M. of Canada :*

The Grand Treasurer begs to present the annual report of
his office for the year just expired, as follows :

Cr.

August, 1865—Cash received from Grand Treasurer (McCracken)	\$37 72
“ —By “ “ “ Scribe E.....	116 20
Dec: 30— “ “ “ “ “	89 40
1866.	
Feb. 1— “ “ “ “ “	107 70
August 1— “ “ “ “ “	297 70
	\$648 72

1865.

Dr.

August—To Cash paid T. & R. White, account per order.	\$89 25
“ — “ “ “ Grand S. E., incidental expenses.	39 49
1866.	
Jan. 12— “ “ “ John Ellis, for Certificates	52 00
April 25— “ “ “ T. & R. White, per order.....	86 00
	266 74
Balance Due Grand Chapter.....	\$381 98

Audited.

CHAS. D. MACDONNELL,

Chairman Ex-Com.

Your Treasurer expresses regret that he has been obliged to
leave for Europe, so as to deprive him of the pleasure of attending
the Annual Convocation at St. Catharines, and informs Grand
Chapter that the balance, as above, remains subject to order,
which Grand Scribe E. can at any time receive by application
at my office, as I have left instructions to that intent.

J. W. MURTON,

G. Treasurer.

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1866.

No.	NAME.	PLACE.	LAST RETURN.	1865.	1866.	Dr.	Cr.
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston	31st January.	..	1866.	00	00
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton	" "	..	1866.	00	00
4	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto	" " 1863.	..	..	23	40
5	St. George's.....	London	" "	..	1866.	00	00
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton	" "	..	1866.	00	00
7	Moir.....	Belleville	" " 1864.	..	..	1	00
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto	" "	..	1866.	79	40
9	Golden Rule.....	Stanstead	" "	1865.	..	22	60
12	Cataraqui	Kingston	30th June.	..	1866.	00	00
13	Stadacona	Quebec	6th December.	..	..	00	00
14	Bedford District	Dunham	No Returns.	..	..	10	75
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	31st January.	..	1866.	00	00
16	Carleton	Ottawa	" "	..	1866.	7	40
17	Dorchester	Waterloo	" "	..	1866.	00	00
18	Oxford	Woodstock.....	" "	..	1866.	00	00
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	" "	..	1866.	00	00
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford	" "	1865.	..	2	40
21	Carnarvon	Montreal	30th June.	..	1866.	00	00
22	Grenville	Prescott	19th "	1865.	..	49	00
23	Ezra	Simcoe	July.	1865.	..	00	00
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	31st January	..	1866.	2	00
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal	" "	..	1866.	00	00
U.D	St. Mark's.....	Trenton	" "	..	1866.	00	00
U.D	Manitou	Collingwood	27th "	..	1866.	00	00
						\$197 95	\$2 00

Examined.

CHARLES D. MACDONNELL, Ch. Ex. Com.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 3.30 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	W. M. Wilson,	as Grand Z.	} Grand. Council.
R. " "	Chas. D. Macdonnell,	" H.	
" " "	Thomas McCracken,	" J.	

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report :

ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent Council :

The Executive Committee have had under their review the Books, Statements and Vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, which were examined and found to be correct.

The Committee have examined the following accounts, and recommend them for payment.

Grand Scribe E., for salary as per vote of Grand Chapter, for the year ending August 1866	\$300 00
For Tyling Grand Chapter at Quebec	4 00
Expenses attending Annual Convocation, 1865 . .	22 00
Wood-Cut, In Memoriam—half expense	7 00
Postages, Express, &c	8 11
Messrs. T. & R. White, for printing Constitutions, &c.	49 00

Richard Haigh, for binding 500 Constitutions, and extra binding on 24.....	44 50
John Ellis, printing Certificates and Parchments.	70 00
	\$504 61

From the accounts of Grand Treasurer it appears that on the 8th August, 1865, there was at the credit of the

Grand Chapter the sum of	\$37 72
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Since which date he has received from the G.S.E.	611 00
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Making a total of.....	\$648 72
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The disbursements for the same period have been.	266 74
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Leaving a balance on hand to the credit of Grand

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The Executive Committee find by the Books of Grand Chapter that the "Grenville" Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, is in arrears upwards of \$49.00, but from the satisfactory reasons brought before the Committee in extenuation of this state of its affairs by V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, they recommend that the representative of said Chapter be permitted to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter at this Convocation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. D. MACDONNELL,

Chairman Ex. Com.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas McCracken, and resolved—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

R. E. Companion W. B. Simpson gave notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter he would move that no Companion shall be considered to be a Past Z. of any Chapter, but of that in which he was elected to serve in that office for one year.

V. E. Comp. John Clarke, from the Executive Committee, submitted the following report :

ON WARRANTS.

The Executive Committee have had under consideration the establishment by Dispensation of the M. E. Z., of two Chapters, viz., "St. Mark's" Chapter, meeting at Trenton, and the "Manitou" Chapter, meeting at Collingwood ; the localities for these new Chapters appear to have been very judiciously selected, and from the very satisfactory account of the progress already made, as expressed by the Principals of the said Chapters present at this Convocation, the Committee have very great pleasure in recommending that the G. S. E. be authorized to prepare and issue Warrants of Constitution to these new Chapters.

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. D. MACDONNELL,

Chairman Ex. Com.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by V. E. Comp. John Clarke, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

The following places were nominated for the holding of the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, by R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, the Town of Stratford.

R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by E. Comp. H. W. Day, the Town of Belleville.

E. Comp. Wm. McGhie, seconded by V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, the City of Ottawa.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken, it was declared to be in favor of Ottawa.

The Special Committee on the M. E. Z.'s address, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, and Excellent Companions in grand convocation assembled :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the annual address of the M. E. Z., beg respectfully to submit the following report :

They regret that the business connected with his important public office should deprive this Grand Chapter of the pleasure of meeting him at this its ninth Annual Convocation.

Your Committee have again great pleasure in congratulating the M. E. Z. on the continued harmony of the subordinate Chapters and their increasing prosperity, as well as the amicable and friendly intercourse which this Grand Chapter maintains with the sister Grand Bodies.

Your Committee are glad to find that the amended Constitution has been printed and circulated, and cordially endorse the suggestion made by the M. E. Z., of having the work as adopted by the Grand Chapter exemplified by R. E. Comps. Seymour and Harris.

In view of the approaching confederation of the British North American Provinces, the formation of a Grand Chapter, holding jurisdiction of the whole country, is a matter calling for serious consideration, but which will more appropriately occupy the attention of a future convocation of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee fully enter into the pleasurable feeling expressed by the M. E. Z. in the union of the old and new hemispheres, effected by the successful laying of the Atlantic Cable. They also concur in the heartfelt congratulations of the M. E. Z. in the discomfiture of those lawless and misguided men, who, without provocation, invaded a country whose loyalty

to its Sovereign, and respect to the laws of the country, is only second in its devotion to the Great Architect of the Universe.

In conclusion your Committee reciprocate the desire expressed by the M. E. Z. for the future interest of capitular Masonry, and in the name of the Grand Chapter tender to him its most hearty congratulations and sincere wishes for his own future personal health, strength and prosperity.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. S. BOWEN,
Chairman.

It was moved by E. Comp. John S. Bowen, seconded by E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, and resolved—

That the report of the Special Committee on address of the M. E. Z. be received and adopted.

V. E. Comp. H. A. Sims, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report :

To the Most Excellent Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

The Executive Committee beg leave to report that the annual reports of the Grand Superintendents of the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Eastern Townships Districts have been laid before it.

It is gratifying to know that the various Chapters in the said Districts are in a prosperous condition. The *perfect* working of the various Chapters leaves little for the Grand Superintendents to do. From the reports presented your Committee must consider that capitular Masonry in these Districts is in that desirable condition.

Your Committee regret exceedingly that the Grand Superintendents of the Wilson Central and Quebec Districts have not

reported. From the absence of evidence your Committee is disposed to think that the Chapters in their Districts are in an equally prosperous condition. Your Committee is surprised, however, that the Superintendents of the said Districts have not so far complied with the Constitution as to prepare the reports called for.

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. D. MACDONNELL,

Chairman Ex. Com.

ST. CATHARINES, 14th August, A. I., 2396.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the foregoing report of the Executive Committee be received and adopted.

The balloting for the elective Grand Officers for the ensuing term was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected :

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington, re-elected	Grand Z.
R. “ “	W. B. Simpson,	“ H.
“ “ “	Thomas McCracken, re-elected	“ J.
“ “ “	Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected	Grand Scribe E.
“ “ “	Henry A. Sims,	“ “ N.
“ “ “	John S. Bowen,	“ Pr'l Sj'r.
“ “ “	John W. Murton, re-elected	“ Treasurer.
“ “ “	William M. Jamieson,	“ Registrar.

By an open vote,

Comp. John Sweetman,

“ Janitor.

Nominated by the representatives of Chapters of their respective Districts, as Grand Superintendents, and subsequently approved by the M. E. Z.

R. E. Comp.	Charles Kahn, re-elected,	London District.
" " "	David Curtis,	" Wilson "
" " "	Thomas Duggan,	Hamilton "
" " "	James Adams,	Toronto "
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	Pr. Edward "
" " "	E. H. Parker,	Central "
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal "
" " "	H. L. Robinson,	E. Townships "
" " "	Thomas Lambert,	Quebec "

The M. E. Z., at a subsequent date, was pleased to make the following appointments to office for the ensuing year :

V. E. Comp.	Augustus T. Houel,	Grand 1st Asst. Sojourner.
" " "	William W. Pringle,	" 2nd " "
" " "	Thos. F. McMullen,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	John W. Lethbridge,	" Standard "
" " "	William H. Brouse,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	John P. Featherston,	" Organist.
" " "	Stan. H. Blondheim,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	A. R. Sowdon,	} Grand Stewards.
" " "	Henry W. Day,	
" " "	Henry Carlisle,	
" " "	John Wilson,	

The ballot was taken for five Companions to serve as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, with the following result :

V. E. Comp. B. E. Charlton, R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, V. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth and R. E. Comp. James Seymour.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted and read the following :

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on correspondence with sister Grand Chapters beg leave to report, that the proceedings of the following Grand Bodies have been handed to them by the G. S. E. for review, a synopsis of which will be found under their proper headings :

1. England	1864-5	13. Maryland.....	1856
2. Scotland	1866	14. Massachusetts	1865
3. Alabama	1865	15. Missouri	1866
4. Arkansas	1865	16. New Hampshire.....	1865
5. California	1865	17. New York.....	1866
6. Florida	1866	18. North Carolina..	1863-4-5
7. Illinois.....	1865	19. Rhode Island	1864-5
8. Indiana	1866	20. Tennessee	1861-5
9. Iowa	1865	21. Vermont	1865
10. Kansas.....	1866	22. Virginia.....	1865
11. Kentucky	1865	23. Wisconsin	1865
12. Louisiana	1866	24. General Grand Chapt'r	1865

Whilst pleased to find in this list several Grand Chapters from which no response to our fraternal greetings had reached Canada in the past four or five years, they regret that the following are unheard from since the dates specified, viz.:—Connecticut,* 1864; Georgia, 1861; Maine,* 1865; Michigan,* 1865; Minnesota, 1858; Mississippi, 1861; New Jersey, 1863; Ohio, 1862; Oregon, 1861; Pennsylvania, 1860; South Carolina, 1860; Texas, 1860. Three or four of these are most probably still laboring under embarrassments incident to the late internecine war, in which your Committee sincerely condole with them, and hope the period is not far distant when they will resume their wonted vigor, with that benefit to the Royal Craft and influence upon society at large, that a faithful adherence to Masonic teachings is so well calculated to ensure. But Ohio, Pennsylvania and Oregon cannot claim this indulgence,

* Received since the report was written, but too late for notice.

and we are at a loss to account for their protracted neglect in furnishing copies of their proceedings. Your Committee have also to complain that the annual reports from England and Ireland have not been supplied for several years, in exchange for our own, regularly sent them. This may result from oversight, in which event we hope that next year will witness a change. The omission certainly indicates a want of genuine fraternal consideration, which is keenly felt by those who, though not now in affiliation with "the old folks," can never cease to be interested in their welfare and progress, or forget the noble stock from which they sprung. Auld Scotia has regularly kept up correspondence with us, which has been acknowledged in our reports from year to year; and the enquiry has frequently been made why England and Ireland have not done the same. The report acknowledged from England for 1864-65, was furnished by a private friend, and not by the Grand Scribe E., as it should have been; hence the remarks we have felt called upon to make in reference to his seeming neglect.

Having thus adverted to the several Grand Chapters whose transactions have not reached us, we shall now proceed to digest those submitted for perusal, commencing with

ENGLAND.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for the year ending May 3, 1865, are given in eight folio-post pages. They comprise the business transacted at four quarterly Convocations, held in August, November, February and May, at the latter of which the officers are usually chosen. The Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England, is *ex officio* Grand Z., and R. W. Bro. W. Grey Clarke, Grand Secretary, holds the office of G. S. E. in a similar way. In the absence of the G. Z., Lord Sherborne presided at three of these Convocations, but delivered no address. In August six new Chapters were authorized, including one from Newfoundland; in November two; in February six, and in May seven—making twenty-one during the year. The total number of Chapters on the roll is 975;

but only 176 are reported to be in working order, one of which, St. John's, No. 182, is in Quebec—the large balance of 799 being either dormant or extinct. No return is given of the number of members, nor any statistics of work done by subordinates. The Grand Treasurer reports his receipts at £1,147 stg.; expenses (including grants to several benevolent institutions for widows, orphans and aged invalids) £886 stg.; in hand, £261, besides £3,200 invested in 3 per cent. consols.

Two cases of Grievance are reported, which may be quoted as precedents, should any similar complaints or action be required in Canada :

1st. The Z. of Oriental Chapter, No. 687, Constantinople, was severely reprimanded for installing two Companions as H. and J., instead of those named in the Warrant, who had removed from the place between the time of application and receipt of the instrument. An Irish and an American P. Z. are likewise censured for taking part in the installing and consecration ceremony. Ordered, that the Companions originally named as H. and J. be installed, and that all candidates exalted receive certificates.

2nd. Chapter No. 784, Liskeard, complained that its Z. never attended a Convocation after being installed, thereby injuring the Chapter and hindering the progress of work. It was therefore prayed that said Z. be deprived of rank as a P. Z. Ordered, that he retain his rank, but that he be severely censured.

Correspondence had with the Grand Chapter of Scotland on the rights of visitants is given; also, regarding an interchange of representatives—the results of which were given in our report from Scotland last year.

The remainder of these proceedings are destitute of interest here, being merely of a routine character.

IRELAND.

Your Committee have also received from a private source the annual statement of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand

Conclave of Ireland, from June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1864. His Grace the Duke of Leinster is G. M., G. H. P., and S. G. M. of the respective Orders; and the Hon. Geo. Handcock is Grand Secretary. Very little information is afforded in this statement, but such as it is we will abridge. Of subordinate Lodges there 1014 on the roll, but only 313 at work, of which one, No. 209, is in London, C. W., the remaining 701 being extinct. Of Chapters there are 942 recorded, 136 of which are at work, (none in Canada), and 806 are defunct. Of Encampments 877 are registered, of which only 39 are at work, one being at Hawkesbury, C. E. The receipts from the three Orders are given at £1,889 stg., disbursements £1,741, leaving in hand £148, besides £3,800 invested in 3 per cent. stocks. A Female Orphan School is kept up in a very creditable manner, which cost over £1,236 for the year's contingencies, and it has at its credit in stocks £1,187. Any exclusion, suspension, expulsion or restoration by either Order, has full effect with the whole. There are twelve Provincial Grand Lodges under this jurisdiction, seven of which are in Ireland, and one in Portugal, one in Victoria, one in Sydney, N. S. W., one in New Zealand, and one in South Australia.

SCOTLAND.

The annual report of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, from March, 1865, to March, 1866, shows a marked financial improvement, and adds eight new Chapters to the roll, besides a dormant one revived. A total of 81 Chapters are reported, from 14 of which there are no returns; 25 Chapters are shown to be upwards of ten years, and two over two years, in arrears. It also appears that St. John's Chapter, No. 14, Quebec, has surrendered its charter.

At the Quarterly Committee Meeting, held 12th June, 1865, the Grand Scribe E. submitted a reply from the Grand Lodge of England to the memorial from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, relating to the position of the degree of Mark Master in England. This reply is embodied in two resolutions, to the following effect:

1. That the Grand Lodge of England, in its Book of Constitutions, has declared and pronounced "that pure ancient Masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch," and consequently it gives no sanction to the working of the Mark Master's Degree in England. 2. That the Grand Lodge of England does not acknowledge the Mark Master's Degree to be part of pure ancient Freemasonry, and does not recognize the body styling itself "the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown."

The Supreme Chapter of Scotland therefore unanimously resolved not to recognize the self-styled Grand Lodge of Mark Masters.

At the Quarterly Committee Meeting, held September 20, 1865, a reply was received from the Grand Chapter of England in reference to the *status* of Mark Masonry in that country. The Grand Scribe E. states that the Supreme Grand Lodge of England gives no sanction to the working of the Mark Master's Degree in any private Chapter under its jurisdiction; and that it does not acknowledge the Mark Master's Degree as having any connection with Royal Arch Masonry as practiced in that country, and does not recognize the body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown." By this decision it will be seen that the laudable efforts of the Grand Chapter of Scotland to secure the same *status* for the Mark Master's Degree in England that it receives in Scotland, Canada, and the United States, have not met with that success which was to have been looked for, and which we trust will yet be accorded by universal consent at no distant day.

Several irregular Chapters, holding authority from a spurious organization established in Glasgow, surrendered their documents and received new charters from the Supreme Grand Chapter, on taking the O. B. provided for such cases and pledging fidelity to the regularly constituted authorities.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Canada, Iowa and Kentucky, were presented at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 20th December, for which thanks were ordered to be returned.

The practice of leaving it optional with Companions to procure Grand Chapter Certificates on their exaltation, having been found unsatisfactory, it was unanimously agreed that henceforth all Chapters under the jurisdiction of Scotland be required to remit fees for certificates of exaltation, at the time of registration—8s. stg. being the price fixed for paper, and 10s. 6d. for parchment certificates. It will thus be seen that our Scottish Companions are following the example of the Grand Chapter of Canada in this respect, which experience will prove to be the most judicious for all concerned. In time they may also discover that parchment is the only material on which certificates should be issued, paper being too perishable for so valuable a document.

M. E. Comp. J. Whyte Melville was again re-elected G. Z., and R. E. Comp. Lindsay Mackersy, G. S. E.

ALABAMA.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was convened in the Masonic Hall, Montgomery, on the 5th, and closed on the 8th December, 1865. M. E. Comp. J. B. Harrison, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. D. Sayre, Grand Secretary. The representatives of 33 Chapters were present, out of 37 from which returns were received. The affiliated members are reported at 2,583; dues paid, \$1,662 50; cash in hand \$857 69, of which \$790 are in Confederate Treasury notes, possessing no value.

The address of the Grand High Priest is written in forcible language, and breathes a truly Masonic spirit. After returning thanks to the G. A. O. T. U. for preservation amidst the many dangers that during the year overshadowed them, and sorrowing over those who have been called to the glories of the Sacred Temple, he recounts in feeling terms the devastation and

atrocities committed in the State by the army of subjugation. "Many Companions," he says, "have returned to their homes with impaired health and broken constitutions, maimed and crippled for life, and incapable of physical labor; their little property destroyed, themselves and families dependant upon charity for support." The widows and orphans of deceased Companions are next commended to fraternal care, and the duty of immediate action for their relief impressively enjoined upon all true Craftsmen. He properly says that by timely assistance much suffering and privation may be relieved and ameliorated, so as to avoid a want of the necessities of life; and by united and persistent effort many of these wards of Masonry may be fed, clothed, and educated." While such sentiments aminate the Companions of Alabama, we may rest assured that the principles inculcated within Royal Arch Chapters and at our altars, are faithfully cherished and acted up to by them. Referring to the injury inflicted upon our Order by individual short-comings, and irregularities, the G. H. T. uses this emphatic language, which your Committee heartily endorse, and commend to general attention:

"The standard of Royal Arch Masonry is, I fear, not what it should be in some portions of our jurisdiction. Excuse me for speaking plainly; when I hear a man, who is a Royal Arch Mason, pronounce the sacred name of Diety in the most blasphemous manner, when I hear him giving utterance to horrid and profane oaths, when I see him reeling and staggering under the influence of intoxicating drinks, I am necessarily forced to the conclusion that the standard of Masonry in the Chapter to which he belongs, is very low. And now in all candor let me say to you, presiding officers of Chapters, do your duty; let your imagination go back to your Chapter, take a survey of your membership, and if you know of any that are guilty of any of the offenses enumerated, or any other unmasonic conduct in these demoralizing times, do your duty. When you return home, institute the proper proceedings, no matter how influential he may be, no matter how high his social position, no matter how *bright* he may be considered, cut him off, purge your

Chapter, remove the incubus, thereby doing and fulfilling your whole duty to the whole body of Masonry; for I assure you that such will only mar and soil the work, and cannot assist in the noble and glorious undertaking of preparing their fellow-man for a reception into the Holy of Holies. It is far better that your membership should be small and of the proper material, than to have your temple crowded with rubbish."

Regarding the General Grand Chapter, which Alabama and other Grand Chapters unanimously seceded from in 1860, he delicately declines recapitulating the reasons that then actuated them; but urges that "as Masons we should contribute everything in our power to allay and sooth every unpleasant feeling which may be ever thought to exist, masonically, between the North and the South. Although we may have suffered as Masons, let there be no crimination or recriminations—let us pour oil upon the troubled waters—let us obliterate the past and act only as becomes Masons, who know no North, no South, no East, no West. In every clime are Masons to be found."

Resolutions were adopted, "reciprocating the kindly expressions of brotherly love set forth in the proceedings of various Grand Chapters North," and intimating the sincere desire of Alabama "to cultivate similar feelings of love and charity towards our Companions wherever dispersed."

The Convocation lasted four days, the chief business transacted had reference to disorganized Chapters, and their resuscitation.

An able report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by R. E. Comp. D. Sayre, in which the proceedings of seven Grand Chapters are lucidly reviewed—Canada not included. He treats with merited severity the want of masonic charity shown by certain reviewers, in their strictures upon the late civil war. But it is desirable, that having had his reply, no further reference should be made to the subject, which ought henceforth to be buried in oblivion. The proceedings before us are the first received from Alabama in several years. Let us hope that many will revolve ere our interchange of friendly correspondence is again interrupted.

M. E. Comp. Jas. B. Harrison was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. D. Sayre, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Little Rock, on the 2nd and 3rd of November, 1865.—M. E. Comp. L. E. Barber, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. G. McCowan, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 14 subordinate Chapters, out of 26 in the jurisdiction: only nine of which submitted returns. These show 467 members; 163 exaltations; 9 rejections; 30 deaths; dues \$520. Chapters which had failed to make returns, were allowed to continue work at the discretion of the G. H. P. Two new Chapters were granted warrants. No finance report is given, but the G. H. P. was requested to get one prepared and have it printed with the proceedings.

No address was delivered by the G. H. P.,—at least none is published; from the absence of which it is impossible to learn the present condition of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. Neither is there any report on Foreign Correspondence.

The constitutional restriction, requiring Master Masons to be of twelve months' standing before applying for capitular degrees, was rescinded.

M. E. Comp. L. E. Barber was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. T. D. Merrick, Grand Secretary. We regret to learn that the latter has since died. The office is now filled by Comp. W. D. Blocker.

CALIFORNIA.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on the 16th and 17th of October, 1865.—M. E. Comp. Isaac Davis, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. L. C. Owen, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 31 Chapters, out of 34 on the

roll, which is highly creditable, considering the long distances that many had to travel. The year's returns show the following figures: Candidates marked, 270; passed, 286; received, 298; exalted, 391; rejected, 1; excluded, 1; died, 31; total numbers, 1366; total receipts, \$3,089; surplus, \$56.

The annual address of the G. H. P. is somewhat brief, but notwithstanding its brevity, all matters of interest are discussed that deserve notice. A kindly tone pervades his remarks in reference to the close of the war, and whilst holding out the right hand of fellowship to sister Grand bodies with whom the friendly ties of Companionship were temporarily severed, he rejoices "that Peace, with its attendant handmaid, Plenty, once more reigns over the land; and that the happy assurance is felt that our whole nation will soon again be brethren, dwelling together in unity. Let us, laboring together as 'good men and true,' zealously endeavor to do our part in promoting a consummation so devoutly to be wished; and by earnestly inculcating the great principles of our Order, prove, by precept and example, that our professions are more than mere sound, signifying nothing." The subordinate Chapters, he says, are all in a flourishing condition, and nothing has occurred to mar the harmony prevailing within their bounds. One valued Companion, Orange H. Dibble, P. G. H. P., had breathed his last, full of years, full of honors, and venerated for sterling worth by all who knew him.

The Grand Secretary reports the gratifying information, "that since the organization of this Grand Chapter, not one of its subordinates has failed to make its annual returns, which is the more commendable when it is added that they are uniformly correct and handsomely prepared." If our Grand Scribe E. could say the same, it would redound equally to the credit of our subordinates, several of whom might profit by the example.

Sacramento Chapter having adopted certain resolutions of a religious or political character, on complaint they were ordered to be erased from its minutes. The Special Committee to whom the matter was referred, very clearly defined the duties enjoined

upon Companions on such subjects, and their remarks appear so *apropos*, that we cannot do better than quote them :

“Congregations of Masons, as such, whether in Lodges or Chapters, are intended only for Masonic purposes—for furthering the great ends of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—for disseminating the heaven-born ideas of Faith, Hope and Charity, for doing actual, practical good to our fellow-men. All that is foreign to the philanthropic and benevolent principles which are the foundations of our Order, for the exemplification of which, both in precept and practice, it alone exists—all that is not necessary to give aid and strength to the beneficent mission for which our institution is appointed, *is jealously to be excluded from within our portals*. With the many things which agitate the minds of men in the outer world, in our capacity of Masons, we have nought to do ; and among the earliest lessons taught, it has ever been strongly impressed upon us that religious or political subjects find no proper place for introduction or discussion in temples sacred to the charitable and harmony-seeking principles of Freemasonry. Our only religion is to believe in God, and strictly to obey the moral law—our only politics to be peaceable subjects to the civil power, and obedient to the laws of the land in which we live. As citizens, we have ample liberty, at other times and places, to discuss the merits of our several creeds, and to present our views upon matters of political or national importance ; but it is as unnecessary and unwise, as it is Masonically unlawful, to allow either to find vent in a Lodge or Chapter. This being the well-known law of Masonry, it is with sorrow that your Committee have seen the resolutions under consideration. They ought not to have been offered in the Chapter—they ought not to have been entertained by its presiding officer—they certainly ought not to have been adopted.”

A Special Committee reported a resolution, which was adopted, requiring all subordinate Chapters to abridge the ceremonies in the Past Master's Degree within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the inducting the candidate into the O. chair, and giving the means of recognition.

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented

by R. E. Comp. Owen, in which the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters are ably and fraternally summarized—Canada for 1864 included. He notices that only eleven out of twenty-two of our Chapters were represented at Quebec, a neglect of duty which those entitled to seats in Grand Chapter should endeavor to avoid in future.

As usual, the proceedings of this Grand Chapter are compiled with great care, and printed in a neat and tasteful manner.

M. E. Comp. John Kirkpatrick was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. L. C. Owen, re-elected Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The proceedings from this Grand Chapter—the first received in several years—informs us that the 20th Annual Convocation was begun in the Masonic Hall, Tallahassee, on the 8th and closed on the 11th January, 1866. M. E. Companion David Jones, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. Hugh A. Corley, Grand Secretary. The attendance was not large, only nine subordinate Chapters being represented, out of fifteen on the roll. The returns from the nine Chapters referred to show the year's work as follows: exaltations, 396; suspensions, 2; rejections, 8; deaths, 9; receipts \$442. Of the monies in the Treasurer's hands, \$222 were reported in Confederate Treasury Notes, which were ordered to be burned, and all memoranda concerning them expunged from the records.

The Grand High Priest's address is not voluminous, but touches on all matters of special interest to the Craft in that jurisdiction. The return of peace properly meets with his warmest eulogies, and while feelingly deploring the occurrences of the past four years, he is full of hope in the bright prospects of the future. The unsettled condition of the country, bad travelling facilities, and valueless currency, prevented his visiting all the Chapters; but those now in working order are progressing favorably, and those which had to succumb through the ravages of war, bid fair soon to resume labor on a healthy and vigorous basis. So mote it be.

The chief business related to healing up past breaches, and a commendable spirit was shown in this direction.

Several petitions were presented, praying for charters for new Chapters, two or three of which were favorably entertained, and one refused for informality. This corroborates the opinion of the G. H. P., that a short time will be required to place Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction in its former flourishing condition.

The report of Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. E. Comp. J. Brown, P. G. H. P., who reviewed with much ability and judgment the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters—Canada not included.

The M. E. G. H. P. and R. E. Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Springfield, on the 6th October, 1865.—M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 55 Chapters, out of 72 on the roll; and 17 Chapters under dispensation, with an aggregate of 300 members and 176 exaltations, were ordered warrants and numbers. The returns show a total of 2,386 members, 916 exaltations, 10 expulsions, 37 deaths; \$4,688 receipts; \$3,924 expended, and \$764 balance on hand.

The address of the G. H. P. abounds in graphic detail of official acts performed during his term of office; showing that his duties were onerous, and required much ability to conduct them in the satisfactory manner apparent. In this respect the address is one of the most instructive papers we have this year glanced over. As to the new Chapters organized, he says “their formation has involved much thought, care, and consideration, and in every case the most undoubted assurance has been required as to the character of the petitioners and the ability of their respective localities to sustain them.” Unusual prosperity prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and the utmost harmony

exists in all the Chapters. A fitting tribute of respect is paid to the memory of three deceased Companions, whose zealous labors to promote the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in Illinois deserve to be held in perpetual remembrance. The G. H. P. declined re-election.

A vote of thanks was passed, and \$100 appropriated to M. E. Comp. A. G. Mackey, of South Carolina, "in consideration of his faithfulness to his Masonic obligations, his contributions, personal attention, medical services, and cordial sympathy in behalf of sick, wounded, and destitute Masons from Illinois and from all other parts of our National Union, while prisoners at Charleston, and beyond the reach of their brethren, relatives and friends."

Amongst the standing rules governing this Grand Chapter, we notice the following:—1st. That all candidates for any degree must exhibit a knowledge of preceding degrees sufficient to make themselves known as such, before advancement; which all subordinate Chapters are required to enforce. 2nd. That no Companion can continue a member of any Chapter in this State while residing in another; and subordinates are required to strike all such off their rolls, and pay no dues for them. 3rd. Non-affiliated Master Masons cannot receive capitular degrees.

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comps. Reynolds, Keyon, and Hayward, covering the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters—Canada for 1864 included. The Committee remark that three copies of their proceedings have been regularly sent to this Grand Chapter, prepaid, and wonder why they were not received. Those of 1863 failed to reach our G. S. E., but the subsequent years have regularly come to hand.

M. E. Comp. Loyal L. Munn was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The 21st Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Grand Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, on the 23rd of

May, 1866.—M. E. Comp. Thomas Pattison, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. Wm. Hacker, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 51 Chapters, (eight of which were under dispensation,) out of 59 on the roll. The returns from these show a total of 1,928 members; 353 exaltations; 2 expulsions; 38 deaths; receipts, \$4,791; balance on hand, \$1658.

The G. H. P.'s address is admirably written, and bears the stamp of intelligence and sound judgment in all Masonic decisions given during the year. He opens it with thanks to an All-wise Providence for permitting them to re-assemble, and then states "that harmony prevails within the jurisdiction, and Royal Arch Masonry was never more popular, nor in a more prosperous condition in this State than at the present time; the only danger now being, that in the rush to gain admission within our portals, unless they are guarded with unusual vigilance, some may be allowed to enter who are not worthy and well qualified for this preferment. Let us therefore use diligence to guard well the outer courts, and to inspect closely the material which may be presented, so that we may hereafter be saved from the very unpleasant duty of removing from the building material which should have been rejected when first presented for inspection."

A peculiar case arose between a Chapter and a Companion, the particulars of which are best related in the words of the G. H. P., whose decision was afterwards appealed against, but confirmed by a large majority: "Upon the organization of Lawrenceburg Chapter I found that one applicant, whose name was in the Dispensation, had in the mean time been tried and expelled by Lawrenceburg Lodge. In consequence of this, I ordered his name to be erased from the Dispensation; a constitutional number still remaining. Recently the Lodge re-instated him; he now complains of my act, because he cannot gain membership in the Chapter, as they have taken in two of his 'bitterest enemies;' and asking what good reason I can assign. As the case is somewhat peculiar, I give below my answer to him as follows: 'As you were an expelled Mason, by the action of your Lodge, when I organized Lawrenceburg Chapter under Dispensation, I could take no other course than to order your name to be

struck from the Dispensation. Your being reinstated by the Lodge leaves you in good standing as a R. A. Mason, but does not restore you to membership in that Chapter. As the Chapter had no existence when you were expelled, you could have no membership in it, and as several members have since been taken in, the only course left is for you to join by petition, as any other R. A. Mason.'"

Another decision given was in the case of a Companion whose Chapter had become extinct. Not having a dimit or other document to show good-standing, he asked advice, when the G. H. P. ruled that "if the Companion's evidence is satisfactory to the Chapter, and he is otherwise found worthy, it does not matter whether he has a dimit or not. In fact, it would be impracticable to require a Companion to procure written evidence of his standing, &c., when the source from which this evidence is to come has ceased to exist."

He thus condemns the continued existence of the General Grand Chapter, the triennial session of which he attended last September at Columbus, Ohio: "I am sorry that I cannot see where anything was accomplished for the benefit of R. A. Masonry. There seems to be among the leading spirits of this body a continual desire to amend, change and tinker with the Constitution; repealing at one session whatever may have been enacted at another; so that at present the General Grand Chapter is shorn of all power over State Grand Chapters, further than to act as arbitrators between them, in cases referred for that purpose. My opinion is, that our connexion with that body can do us no service, and I would therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter take no part, hereafter, in its proceedings." This opinion was unanimously concurred in, on the ground that it was a constant bill of expense, with no reciprocal benefits; and a resolution was accordingly passed dissolving the connexion.

On the use of *substitutes*, in conferring the R. A. Degree, the G. H. P. decided, in reply to a question, "that it is proper and right to use them, but only in extreme cases of emergency." This decision was subsequently confirmed, on appeal to vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that a Pennsylvania Chapter had violated the jurisdiction of this State, in conferring Chapter Degrees on a brother residing in Indiana, under a new Pennsylvania law, the repeal of which they urge the G. H. P. to demand. They also decide "that all R. A. Masons made in conformity with this law shall be deemed clandestine in Indiana, and not entitled to, but are prohibited from, visiting or affiliating with our subordinate Chapters."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the G. H. P., who briefly reviewed the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. Canada is not enumerated amongst these, from which we infer that our proceedings, though regularly mailed, were not received.

M. E. Comp. Thomas Newby was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Wm. Hacker, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Marshall Lodge Hall, Marshalltown, on the 3rd June, 1865.—M. E. Comp. L. S. Swafford, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary. Representatives attended from 19 Chapters, out of 27 on the roll. The returns from 25 Chapters show 728 members; 114 exaltations; 6 suspensions; 9 deaths; receipts, \$912; cash in hand, \$1,132, besides \$350 in U. S. bonds.

The address of the G. H. P. is an intelligent *resume* of the condition of R. A. Masonry within his limits. After enjoining the duty of self-examination, he asks the members "to practice and discharge it not only to themselves, but also to their country and their God. By so doing they will adorn the doctrines so forcibly inculcated in our sacred tabernacles, and obey the precepts of the first great light in Masonry." Harmony within and zeal throughout is the gratifying report from this jurisdiction.

In reply to a question from a subordinate Chapter, the G. H. P. decide that "a candidate ballotted for and accepted, cannot

afterwards receive capitular degrees if a member of the Chapter objects, even though such member were present when the ballot was taken." Though this ruling may be strictly correct, in so far as it secures respect for the rights of a Companion, rather than the wishes of a brother, it is one that should not be exercised, except under very extreme circumstances.

The G. H. P. also decides against the admission, as a member, of a discharged soldier exalted in one of the itinerant Chapters established by Dispensation of the G. H. P. of Illinois during the civil war. On this point he correctly says: "I am of opinion the Chapter is irregular, and consequently their work must be irregular also, because State lines form the boundaries of Grand Chapters, and a Companion so exalted, applying for membership, *should be healed* before he can be admitted a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction. It is our duty to preserve landmarks to the very letter; and in proof of the position assumed, I refer to our Constitution, which I hold is in accordance with the general landmarks of R. A. Masonry. That instrument locates a Chapter in a certain place, and requires that they have a suitable hall to work in, and that there should be sufficient material in the vicinity to work into the temple, without interfering with any Chapter in the jurisdiction. The particular regulations bear directly upon the same point. Again, no Chapter can interfere with the business of another Chapter. Again, no Chapter in one State can work under a Warrant granted by the Grand Chapter of another State. Again, no resident of any State, in which there is a Chapter, can receive the degrees in any Chapter in another State, unless with the approbation of the Chapter nearest his place of residence. Taking all the proofs presented, and many others that might and can be produced, bearing directly upon this question, I feel warranted in my conclusions."

The Chapter of Camanche, whose records, warrant, furniture, &c., were swept away by a fearful tornado several years ago—reference to which was made in a former report—has since recovered the Warrant, though in a very damaged state, and resumed work under favorable auspices.

Corinthian Chapter having infringed the jurisdiction of Marion Chapter in exalting a candidate from the latter's limits, the former was ordered to pay Marion Chapter the fee of \$25 received, and \$2 dues.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of R. E. Comp. Langridge, who digests the proceedings of 16 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1864. From the latter he has extracted copiously, but regrets that "there are no statistics" presented, by which any idea of the strength of Grand Chapter and its subordinates can be ascertained." Whilst agreeing with our Companion, that it would be much more convenient for reference were a tabular statement appended, showing the names and numbers of Chapters in existence, the work done and fees paid by each, also the number of members, withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions and deaths—nevertheless, some portion of this information is given, and no doubt our excellent G. S. E. will at once prepare the remainder, when he learns that so much interest is manifested in our progress by sister Grand Chapters.

M. E. Comp. John H. Brown was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Langridge, G. Secretary.

KANSAS.

From this young State we have the proceedings of a Masonic Convention on forming a new Grand Chapter, to which we cheerfully extend the right hand of fellowship. The three Chapters of which it is composed, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Leavenworth, on the 27th January, 1866, and after organizing in the usual manner, with E. Comp. W. O. Gould as chairman, unanimously passed resolutions setting forth the desirability of forming a Grand Chapter for the State. A constitution was next adopted, and nine officers chosen.

The Grand Secretary elect was also authorized to communicate the proceedings to the M. E. Comp. Ira A. W. Buck, D.G.G.H.P. of the G. G. R. A. Chapter of the United States, asking his

consent thereto, and recognition by the several Grand Chapters belonging to said General Grand Chapter.

An adjournment followed till the 26th February, when the D. G. G. H. P.'s reply was produced, stating that the said convention and its acts met with his unqualified approbation, and authorized them to assemble in some suitable place to elect and instal their officers. M. E. Comp. Jacob Saqui, G. H. P., then installed M. E. Comp. R. R. Rees as G. H. P., who, in turn, installed the following officers, which completed the formation of this Grand Chapter, viz. :

R. E. Comp. J. Saqui . . . D. G. H. P.	E. Comp. Jas. A. Chase . . . G. P. S.
" " " Z. Rosenfeld . . . G. K.	" " Moses Bower . . G. R. A. C.
" " " S. T. Walters . . . G. S.	" " T. G. Harres . . G. M. 1st V.
" " " M. S. Adams . G. Treas.	" " C. S. Wheaton . G. M. 2nd V.
" " " T. Carr G. Secty.	" " W. D. Deering . G. M. 3rd V.
" " O. A. Bassett . . G. M.	" " C. Van Fossen . G. Steward.
" " E. A. Smith . . G. C. H.	" " Fritz Majors . . G. Sentinel.

Sundry resolutions were next passed giving effect to these proceedings, when the G. H. P. delivered an excellent address, reminding the Companions of their responsibilities in their new position, and urging them to "let this Grand Chapter and all its component parts become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as the Most Holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as the flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance; may your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering; may the exercise of your charity be constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while travelling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the veils of Heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal. Amen."

The G. H. P. seems well adapted for the exalted station he has been called upon to fill, and under his able guidance this Grand Chapter must prove a valuable auxiliary in the glorious

work of building up the moral edifice which Royal Arch Masonry has for its foundation.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 16th October, 1865.—M. E. Companion Wm. E. Robinson, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary. Of 87 subordinate Chapters borne on the roll, 53 were represented; 19 made no returns, and 15 are dropped as dormant or defunct. The total membership of 53 Chapters is given at 2,053; exaltations, 543; suspensions, 17; rejected, 44; expelled, 2; deaths 34. Receipts of the year, \$3,347; expenses, \$2,112; in hand, \$1,234, besides investments of \$6,900.

The address of the G. H. P. is well written, and in addition to a record of official acts, is full of excellent instruction on many topics of moment. He alludes to the return of peace in appropriate terms, and commends to general favor the laudable efforts now on foot to restore that fraternal regard which Masonry so impressively enjoins on every branch of its mystic family. He says that great prosperity has prevailed during the year in all the Chapters of the jurisdiction, and judiciously calls for "a careful selection of *material* from the mass presented, which should be the *best* rather than the *greatest quantity*." Another subject referred to by him is "the great ignorance shown by many Officers and Companions regarding the *minutæ of work*, consequent upon its great quantity, and the haste in which it is done. The result is obvious, in the working of Chapters when one or more of the officers are absent. Another difficulty arises where officers neglect to qualify themselves to fill their various stations. Satisfied with having attained the *honors*, they fail to discharge their duties in such a manner as to reflect credit on either themselves or the Chapter. *Companions should not accept any office unless they are willing to discharge all the duties to the best of their ability.* Companions, let us at once arouse from this lethargy, and prove ourselves worthy followers of those brethren

who, for their *zeal, diligence, and perseverance*, had high honors conferred upon them."

The Grand Treasurer reported the advisability of limiting the number of paid representatives to Grand Chapter to one Companion from each subordinate, whose mileage and \$3 per day should be paid from Grand Chapter funds. Mileage only has been paid up to the present, so that the change will add a large burden to the treasury; but the income, the Grand Treasurer says, "will not only pay this, but there will be a small annual surplus to be invested, which in a few years at most will make the Grand Chapter self-sustaining, and enable it to say to its subordinates—as the Grand Lodge did several years ago—keep the dues you have heretofore been paying to Grand Chapter, to be distributed to distressed worthy Companions, their widows and orphans." It will be a source of much gratification to the Companions of this jurisdiction, when they can see the Grand Chapter of Canada in a similar position of financial independence; and your Committee thinks it would not be out of place where steps initiated at this Convocation to bring about so desirable a consummation.

The subordinates of this Grand Chapter are required to return the fullest description and particulars of all rejected applicants. We quote one specimen out of many published: "Rejected—W. B. Irvine, September 30, 1865, about 5 feet 11 inches high, fair complexion, blue eyes, 30 years of age, weight 180 lbs., residence Preachersville, Lincoln County, occupation Baptist preacher." This description is indeed graphic, but to make it complete, the cause of rejection should also be given. Much, however, as statistical detail is to be commended, we think its adoption in this manner is carrying it a little too far. It is satisfactory to add that our Kentucky Companions are alone in having so delectable a budget served up for their instruction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. P. H. Jeffries, who reviews with sound judgment the proceedings of 11 Grand Chapters—including Canada for 1864. He compliments the Grand Chapter on its division of subordinates into districts, with a superintendent over each, "and thinks it

a measure that, if properly carried out, would tend to great advantage, not only in Canada, but within our own State. It would consolidate discordant elements, and unite them in one great mass. Our Chapters would work better, and be more compact and uniform in their labors."

M. E. Comp. Harry Hudson was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The 19th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of February, 1866—M. E. Comp. Henry R. Swasey, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. S. M. Todd, Grand Secretary. There are a total of 29 Chapters on the roll, 4 of which are under dispensation, 3 dormant, 6 defunct, and the remainder in efficient working order. The returns of 16 Chapters show the following results: Members, 1,221; exaltations, 479; suspensions, 11; deaths, 69. Receipts, \$1,024; in hand, after paying disbursements to close of Convocation, \$367.

The G. H. P.'s address is replete with interesting suggestions. After expressing gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U. for preservation amidst the many trials of the past few years, he enjoins upon the Companions the necessity of so conducting their deliberations that they will be referred to in future years as an example worth following. He also urges "that party and sectional spirit may find no place amongst them, as surrounding circumstances call now more than ever for the exercise of that 'charity which suffereth long and is kind,' and without which their professions of fidelity are as hollow as sounding brass, the sacred ties that bind them together but ropes of sand. The results of party zeal," he truly says, "are but too often seen in the self-conceit and arrogance it assumes in those uncharitable judgments and reckless censure it bestows on all who dissent from its views, and will not pander to its ambition or assist in accomplishing its designs." The want of travelling facilities, and the disorganized state of subordinate Chapters, prevented his visiting

all of them ; but those he had attended were well worked, and actuated by the true principles that should always govern R. A. Masons. Regarding the too hasty conferring of degrees, his observations are so applicable to all jurisdictions, that we cannot do better than append them, in the hope, that if they apply to any Canadian Chapter, they will not be read without profit :

“ Many of our Chapters have done large amounts of work during the war, and it is feared that much of this was not done with that care and deliberation which should be used. In many, if not in a majority of cases, candidates were hurried so rapidly from one to another of the different apartments of our mystic temple, that they had neither time nor opportunity to prove their proficiency. Companions, this thing should not be. The candidate should be compelled to study, and so far as his capacity lies, to understand and appreciate one degree before another is conferred. It is a wise saying, ‘ that what a man knows little of, he cares less for,’ and so with the initiate ; the less instruction he receives, the less he cares about studying and appreciating the beautiful moral precepts inculcated by our divine institution ; and it would be well for this Grand Chapter to inquire into the expediency of passing a regulation requiring its constituents, before conferring a degree, to exact from the candidate an examination in the previous degree.”

A number of subordinate Chapters reported that they had no other funds than Confederate bills, which are now valueless, and these were relieved from fees and dues owing to Grand Chapter to the amount of \$2,413. One Chapter, “ Homer, No. 24,” was thus exonerated from paying \$1,560.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion Fellows. It simply acknowledged the receipt of proceedings from 24 Grand Chapters—including Canada for 1865—but gave no extracts or summary of business. The reason assigned for reporting in this brief manner was, “ that having been so steadily employed in other matters since their attention was called to the necessity of presenting a report, they have been unable to devote any attention to it whatever.”

As a similar excuse was put in last year, we hope that the ensuing Convocation will not find them again craving indulgence. The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are compiled with much taste, and printed in very neat style.

M. E. Comp. Henry Regenburg was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. S. M. Todd, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia was held in the Masonic Hall, Washington, on the 13th November, 1865—M. E. Comp. John L. Yeates, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. M. Smith, Grand Secretary. Of 22 Chapters on the roll, 10 seem to have been dropped, and 8 of the remaining 12 were represented. Returns from 11 Chapters show 930 members; 254 exaltations; 3 suspensions; 1 expulsion; 11 rejections; and 11 deaths. Receipts, \$1,473; in hand, \$498.

A special Convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Baltimore, on the 9th January of the same year, at which the work in the capitular degrees was exemplified by the Grand Secretary. On the 24th of April another special Convocation was held in the same place, when another exemplification by Companion Steele was ordered. After some discussion, the work of the former was adopted, and subordinates were instructed to conform to it, as being the most orthodox of the two.

The G. H. P. delivered an excellent address, indicating a cultivated mind, and showing the author to be thoroughly imbued with a true sense of the obligations resting upon Royal Arch Masons in their daily walk and conversation with the world. He says "the past year has been one of unprecedented Masonic prosperity, all the Chapters having advanced with giant strides, and largely added to their number." He next urges "jealous care in guarding well the temple gates, that no *unfit material* or *untempered mortar* be permitted to enter therein, whereby its pristine integrity and purity may be marred or polluted."

Official acts and decisions are then detailed, one of which we quote : " I have been asked whether a Chapter member, having lost his rights and privileges therein, by virtue of expulsion from Grand Lodge, would, upon revocation of sentence by that body, be entitled to resume his former privileges without a ballot, by his Companions. In the absence of any known precedent, I determined the question in the affirmative, for, as the action of Grand Lodge expelled him from the Chapter without any ballot, it seemed but reasonable that reverse action on the part of Grand Lodge should re-instate him."

Reporting upon this, a special Committee to whom it was referred as a question of jurisprudence, says :

" There seem to be *two classes of cases*, and this decision applied to one is beyond all question correct. A Companion expelled by a Blue Lodge is of course deprived of his rights in the Chapter without a vote ; should the Lodge restore him, he is without a vote restored also in the Chapter. But should he appeal to Grand Lodge after being expelled by a subordinate, and that body reverse the decision and restore him to the privileges of Masonry, such restoration cannot restore him to the Chapter without a vote."

If our Companions in this jurisdiction will only examine Masonic usage a little more closely, they will scarcely find their opinions on this subject borne out. With all due deference thereto, we submit that the right of expulsion does not properly belong to either subordinate Lodges or Chapters, but is an inherent prerogative of the respective Grand bodies. Subordinates may *try, suspend, or exclude* offenders, reporting evidence to Grand Lodge or Chapter for further action, if deemed necessary ; but capital punishment can only emanate from the supreme power. Hence we hold, that no " two classes of cases," as alleged, do really exist. We also deny the necessity for any ballot in a subordinate Chapter, after the Grand body has reversed the action of such subordinate ; for if an inferior could thus control or set at naught the judgment of a superior body, the functions of the latter would at once be at an end. Any

reversal by a Grand body is manifestly a declaration that the subordinate did wrong; and therefore no alternative can exist for that subordinate but to place the victim of wrong in the full enjoyment of all privileges held by him before that wrong was committed. Even in recognizing an appeal to Grand Lodge or Chapter, there is a *prima facie* admission of superior jurisdiction; and whatever decision may be there arrived at, the subordinate *must* carry out, or render itself amenable to any penalty up to extinction.

The division of Maryland and the District of Columbia into separate jurisdictions, as recommended at a former Convocation, was briefly discussed; but no decision was arrived at, and the subject was indefinitely postponed.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. E. L. Stevens, in which the proceedings of 20 sister Grand Chapters are reviewed at great length, and with consummate ability—Canada for 1864 included. Referring to the latter, he says, “We regret that we do not receive the reports of our Canada Companions more frequently; we have had but one in three years. They are always highly interesting and instructive.” In reply, we would state that our proceedings were regularly forwarded by our G. S. E., and feel sorry that they did not reach their destination. Let us hope, now that their mail facilities are more perfect, that our Maryland Companions will not have to repeat their complaint again.

M. E. Comp. James G. Smith was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. Morris Smith, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Freemason's Hall, Boston, on the 12th September, 1865—M. E. Comp. S. Thornton, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. T. Waterman, Grand Secretary. No business was transacted till an adjourned Convocation, held on the 10th October following, owing to the absence of several grand officers. Three quarterly

Convocations were also held during the year, at which much important routine business was transacted. Representatives from 26 Chapters were in attendance, out of 35 Chapters on the roll. The returns from the whole show 1017 exaltations, and 3326 members; or an increase of 427 exaltations, and 838 members on the previous year. Receipts \$3,146; expenses \$2,994; on hand \$251, besides \$4,151 invested.

According to custom in this jurisdiction, no opening address appears from the G. H. P.; nevertheless internal evidence shows capitular Masonry to be in a very prosperous condition.

The death of R. E. Comp. J. R. Bradford, an eminent and zealous Mason of over 50 years standing, is alluded to very feelingly, in a well written obituary notice prepared by a special committee, who also append resolutions of condolence with the bereaved family.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Comp. Jas. Kimball, displays much ability and sound reasoning on controverted topics. The proceedings of 12 Grand Chapters are reviewed with candor, and those of Canada for 1864 are kindly noticed. From this report we learn that Ohio in 1864 had 85 subordinate Chapters; 3,139 members; 441 exaltations; and 72 deaths. Its Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following resolution relative to dimitts, which was adopted as one of its standing rules: "That membership in a Chapter, from first to last, is voluntary on the part of the member. He may, for reasons satisfactory to himself, by consent of the Chapter, and without thereby subjecting himself to Masonic discipline, withdraw his membership; and until he again affiliates, he voluntarily renounces all claim to Masonic consideration." This is sound doctrine, and places the relations of Chapters and members on a basis that cannot admit of misunderstanding.

M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thos. Waterman, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was convened at St. Louis on the 23rd May, 1866—R. E. Comp. Samuel Russell, D. G. H. P., presided, in the absence of the G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary. Of 35 Chapters on the roll, 20 were represented, and 7 are defunct; 5 received charters, and 3 were unheard from. The returns show 188 exaltations; 1,145 members; 18 deaths. Receipts, \$3,429; expenses, \$905; on hand, \$2,593.

The D. G. H. P. delivered a well-timed address, in which much wholesome advice is given, on the necessity of officers and Companions being thoroughly instructed in the mysteries of our Order, "not mechanically, as performers in a pantomime, but *philosophically*, knowing and appreciating, in its full extent, the meaning, purpose, and significance of every symbol and ceremony as taught by our Ancient Fathers." Observation has convinced him that "in many of the subordinate Chapters the work in the several degrees is woefully imperfect, and in some instances positively erroneous." This is an evil, he truly says, to which a remedy should be applied; for "our work should be so complete, as to enable a Companion Royal Arch Mason upon whom the degrees are conferred to work his way into any Chapter where the signs, symbols, and ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry are preserved." The remedy he suggests is to have competent lecturers, "who will visit all subordinate Chapters, spending with each time enough to give full and thorough instruction to the officers at least." The remainder of the address relates solely to official acts.

No doubt *competent* lecturers can do much towards this desirable end, particularly if they confine themselves to "good, true, square work—such as we are authorized to receive;" but the unfortunate tendency with nearly all of them is, to add hobbies of their own not found in genuine work, with a view to *improvement*, which in reality amounts to *pernicious innovation*, too often as repugnant to the spirit and genius of Freemasonry as they are destructive of its ancient landmarks. Let us hope

that the Missouri Companions charged with this duty by the G. H. P. will not fall into the error complained of; for nothing has done more to destroy uniformity and to create a Babel where only one language should prevail, than the persistent tinkering of pedantic grand lecturers.

On invitation, this Grand Chapter assisted at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall in St. Louis.

This Grand Chapter has decided to hold its annual Convocations four days before the meeting of Grand Lodge, instead of at another period of the year, as heretofore. The next meeting will accordingly be held in October, 1867.

A memorial page records the death of R. E. Comp. Wm. White, P. G. Chaplain of this Grand Chapter. Full of years and full of honors, he now sleeps the sleep that knows no waking.

An admirable report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Comp. Geo. F. Gouley, Assistant Grand Secretary, the labor of its preparation having been assumed by him through the illness of the venerable and gifted chairman, Comp. O'Sullivan.* He reviews the proceedings of 25 Grand Chapters, (including Canada for 1865) with masterly ability; and though only his first effort, the report bears internal evidence of good taste in selections, and sound judgment in argument. Referring to the unseemly discussion by the Craft of political issues arising out of the late civil war, he takes as strong ground as ourselves; correctly arguing that such discussions are unmasonic, and "involve a radical departure from all the well-settled rules of a fraternal brotherhood that knows no party or sections over the whole earth." He further says:

"Revolutions in a country may arise from either religious or political causes, *but never from the Masonic Temple*; therefore any participation in such revolutions *by Masons*, except as

* Since this report was written, we regret to learn that Comp. O'Sullivan is no more. A bright and intelligent Mason has thus passed from earth to immortality. His worth and works will long survive, to keep his memory in the recollection of all who were favored with his acquaintance.

citizens and individuals, at once identifies the fraternity with one or the other of the contending parties, and at the same time rends asunder the whole fabric of Masonic unity, casting us upon the illimitable and unknown sea of partisan passions, our anchor and compass gone, drifting upon the internal rocks that have wrecked almost every society and church of the world. Having nothing, therefore, to do with these things, we should not applaud or reward those who mingle in them. *They went forth as citizens*, from both sides, with consciences clear as to their line of duty; they went to serve the State—the State will reward them. ‘Give unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar’s, and unto God the things that are His.’”

M. E. Comp. S. Russell was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. A. O’Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Concord, on the 13th June, 1865—M. E. Comp. John R. Holbrook, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary. Of 13 Chapters on the roll, 7 were represented, and 2 are defunct. The returns from 11 show 159 exaltations, and 872 members. Receipts, \$775; expenses, \$219; on hand, \$556. No other investment.

The address of the G. H. P. was fraternal in sentiment, and thoroughly practical in its application. After gratefully acknowledging the providence of the G. A. O. T. U., in preserving them amidst many dangers, he congratulated the Companions on the prosperous and flourishing condition of R. A. Masonry throughout the jurisdiction, adding, that “harmony prevails in their councils, and the work is done with a commendable degree of uniformity, each Chapter striving to attain perfection.” He also urged the adoption of some particular manual, from which to give the monitorial lessons. At present some Chapters use the Masonic Trestleboard, others the Book of the Chapter, and others Stewart’s Manual. He properly held that there should be uniformity in this as in work and lectures. He likewise

suggested that action should be taken on the mode of communicating the Past and Most Excellent Master's Degrees, "which some Chapters condensed so much that the harmony and beauty of the whole were injured." His record of official visitations and acts was very full, showing that all the subordinates are under perfect supervision, either by the G.H.P., or D.G.H.P., who also reported active co-operation in inspecting the Chapters confided to his care.

A special Committee on Chapter regulations reported in favor of Webb's Monitor, which was adopted as a text-book for general use. And, as regards abridging work, they laid it down as a rule that "no abridgment can properly take place, as the good of the Order demands that every candidate receiving degrees shall have them in full, with all necessary instruction; that he may have a just appreciation of their real character, as well as a proper respect for their value and the dignity of the Order." In accordance with this report, a resolution was passed requiring "all subordinate Chapters, when conferring the degrees of Past and Most Excellent Masters, as well as the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees, to make no abridgment or omission in their work on any pretence whatever."

An interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. E. Comp. Chase, in which he reviews with accustomed talent the transactions of nine Grand Chapters—Canada for 1864 included—from which he makes copious extracts.

A memorial page is devoted to record the virtues and worth of the late Companion William Lamson, a zealous Mason of long standing, whose labor in the quarries is appropriately acknowledged by the D. G. H. P. :

"Not as the quarry-slave, at night
Scourged in his dungeon; but; sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approached the grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

M. E. Comp. Holbrook was unanimously re-elected; but on declining to serve, M. E. Comp. T. E. Hatch was chosen G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Temple Chapter Hall, Albany, on the 6th February, 1866—M. E. Comp. Horace S. Taylor, G. H. P., presiding; R. E. Comp. John O. Cole, Grand Secretary. Of 194 Chapters on the roll, 108 were represented, and 115 presented returns; the remaining 79 being defunct. Ten new Chapters were warranted, two of which were dormant ones revived. The exaltations during the year were 1793; total membership, 7,566. The year's receipts were \$5,515; expenses, \$3,657; surplus, \$2,667; besides \$11,055 invested in bank and other stocks.

The G. H. P. delivered an eloquent address, vividly portraying the events of the year, and depicting in impressive language the benign influence exerted by Masonry at one of the darkest periods in his country's history. After thanking Almighty God for the protection and prosperity vouchsafed them, he thus congratulates his Companions on the bright future opening up to view :

"The black clouds have passed away; the noise of the thunder is stilled; and peace, and calm, and quiet have succeeded the terrible scenes of blood and carnage of four years of war. Swords are beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks. And when, a few weeks hence, the frost shall have left the earth, and verdure shall cover the fields, men will go forth, not to kill and destroy, but to follow those peaceful pursuits which will give life and prosperity to our people."

He next shows that Masonry has done its full part towards assuaging the horrors of the late war; and at the same time gives generous credit to Southern Craftsmen for their humanity under trying circumstances :

"In the midst of battle the Masonic recognition has often turned aside the fatal messenger of death; and when the battle was over, and darkness overshadowed the field, Masons from each army have sought out the wounded and the dying brother; binding up his wounds, supplying his wants, and receiving the last messages from dying lips, to be transmitted to loved ones

at home. In these acts of brotherly kindness, in such terrible scenes, may be found the great practical utility of the secret signs of recognition used among Masons throughout the world. These signs are an infallible test of brotherhood, and they at once awaken recollections in the minds of a Mason which disarm him of all feelings of malice, cruelty or revenge, and bring into operation all the noblest impulses of his nature. Northern Masons will ever remember with gratitude the many kind acts of their Southern brethren towards unfortunate prisoners of war placed in their power. Many instances of this kind are extant, and prominent among them is the noble conduct of a Grand Master, who, during the early period of the war, went through the prisons of the city in which he dwelt, supplying the wants of incarcerated brethren at the risk of his own life. Many a family at the North was unknowingly indebted to him for information concerning those whom they had supposed dead."

He further says : "The past year has been one of unexampled prosperity ; and great as has been the addition to our numbers in former years, I believe that the returns from the subordinate Chapters will show that the number of exaltations was never so large." Eight new Chapters have been opened, and no case of grievance has demanded his attention. A record of official acts performed, and a fraternal tribute to the memory of the late Comps. C. L. Church, P. G. H. P., and W. Conolly, G. R. A. C., closes this interesting address.

Chapters in this State are allowed to "hold, manage, sell and convey real and personal estate for Chapter purposes," a permission which your Committee are of opinion should be obtained from the Legislature for all Chapters and Lodges in Canada.

The Committee charged with erecting a monument over the remains of the late Rev. Salem Town, G. Chaplain, reported that they had completed the work, at an expense of \$1,424, leaving a surplus of subscriptions paid in of \$72, to be applied in ornamenting the grounds. The monument is of Rhode Island granite, 20 feet high, very massive, and suitably inscribed. It is to be dedicated by a public ceremony at an early day. The Committee

on Masonic history reported having acquired some remarkable facts regarding the antiquity of the Order in this country, and requesting Masons on the Canadian border to furnish any historic facts in their possession.

The sum of \$3,000 was appropriated to the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that a Companion expelled by his Lodge is thereby expelled from his Chapter; and in cases of restoration, that he is merely restored to his Masonic privileges, but not to membership in either Chapter or Lodge. Also, that it is not necessary that a Companion should fill the office of King or Scribe (H. or J.) to be eligible to election as High Priest. Also, that a H. P. may suspend any officer from his functions, for good cause, till charges are preferred; the act being simply that of the Master controlling his work and workmen; and that such officer has no right to demand investigation, but may call in the interposition of the G. H. P., if suspension becomes oppressive.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. S. T. Fisk, presented an interesting report, in which he referred to many petty improprieties and irregularities, that deserve attention and correction.

He also directed attention to the "careless manner in which the rooms of meeting are too often left after degrees have been conferred in Lodge and Chapter, the paraphernalia often remaining undisturbed from one meeting to another, exposed to profane inspection, and made the subject of gossip by the evil-disposed and bitter opponents of the Order in the vicinity. To guard against this, suitable conveniences should be provided for the safe deposit of certain properties, particularly where Lodges and Chapters use the same room; and if the rooms are connected with dwellings or stores, the walls and floors should be so deadened that cowans and eavesdroppers can hear no sound from within, thus avoiding the necessity of having to send candidates to a distant place for a time when more than one is in attendance."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the able

pen of Comp. White, who reviews with marked ability the proceedings of 16 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1865. He makes copious extracts from our transactions, and suggests in one or two instances that our example might be followed with advantage in the Empire State. The following extract regarding statistics we cordially endorse, and hope the idea will be generally concurred in: "As Masonic statistics are generally both interesting and instructive, we would suggest that a uniform tabular statement by each Grand Chapter would be very acceptable to all. And in connection with this subject, though not strictly pertaining to the Royal Arch, your Committee have prepared a tabular statement from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of this State, at its last annual Communication, by which it appears that 27 States and Territories made returns to their several Grand Lodges for 3,773 subordinate Lodges; 31,985 initiations; 160,780 members in good standing, (of which New York alone has 47,756); 2,557 deaths; \$167,189 92 Grand Lodge dues and receipts, and \$137,883 42 expenditures for the year, leaving a surplus of \$29,306 50, which, with former funds, makes an aggregate of \$96,664 52, charity funds now on hand, besides real estate, and besides the Hall and Asylum fund of this State, which are not included in this balance. We may also safely estimate that one-twentieth of the subordinate Lodges were not returned at all, and 16 Grand Lodges are not included in the above. These would probably increase the Lodges some 300 more, with 12,000 or 15,000 additional members at least."

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter were severally held in the Hall of St. John's Lodge, Wilmington, on the 1st of June, 1863, 6th June, 1864, and 5th June, 1865—M. E. Comp. E. F. Watson, G.H.P., presided at the Convocations of 1863 and 1864, and M. E. Comp. G. B. Waterhouse, D. G. H. P., at that of 1865, while R. E.

Comp. T. B. Carr acted as Grand Secretary at each of the three meetings. Of 36 Chapters on the roll, returns appear from 30—3 being under dispensation, and 3 dormant. The attendance from subordinates was not large at any of the Convocations; only 6 Chapters being represented in 1863, 8 in 1864, and 3 in 1865, besides Grand Officers. During the three years reported on, the Treasurer received \$1,776 and disbursed \$1,524, leaving a total balance in hand of \$242, and this being in Confederate Treasury notes, possesses no value.

The proceedings of the three Convocations are presented in a neat pamphlet of 56 pages, and are principally composed of the addresses of the presiding officers; the replies of committees appointed to report on the same, and a small amount of routine business. The addresses of M. E. Comp. Watson are able and voluminous, embracing many themes of interest to the Craft. He refers specially to the habits of profane swearing and gambling which were prevailing sins in the jurisdiction, and contrary to the spirit of Masonry; and recommends that such vices should be dealt with as Masons so well known how. He concludes one of his addresses with a beautiful eulogium on Masonry, and recommends the Companions to adopt the golden rule of doing unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported that "The entire effects of Union Chapter, No. 17, including its charter, had been ruthlessly destroyed by the invading army and recommended that a duplicate charter be granted to enable them legitimately to pursue their labors; also, that most of the Chapters in the State have shared pretty much the same fate; and that, while this devastation was going on, none were found with sufficient philanthropy of feeling to heed the cry of the Widow's Son. A similar outrage was perpetrated upon the Lodge at Wilmington, the jewels having been abstracted, probably with the pitiful purpose of melting up. What adds most seriously to the grievance, scarcely one of our institutions have an available dollar in the treasury, and most of the members are in a similar condition; even our Grand Chapter possesses not the means to defray its ordinary expenses. Of the subordinates, scarcely one

is able to cancel its dues ; and in this condition of affairs it becomes encumbent upon the Grand Chapter to exercise towards subordinates all the clemency in its power, which seems absolutely necessary even to secure its own existence."

This is truly a harrowing picture of the dreadful effects of war. We sincerely trust that, peace being now restored, the Grand Chapter of North Carolina will not only arise like a Phoenix from its ashes, but that its subordinates will soon recover their former prosperity, and continue to exemplify those sublime Masonic virtues for which they have ever been conspicuous.

This Grand Chapter has to mourn the death of M. E. Comp. R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., and for many years the able chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. In their resolutions of condolence with the deceased Companion's family, they speak of him as "a wise counsellor, a zealous, energetic member ; and a hospitable, genial, generous and sincere friend and companion."

There was no report of Foreign Correspondence, owing to the disturbed state of the country and the difficulties of intercommunication.

M. E. Comp. G. B. Waterhouse was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. T. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

The proceedings of the Annual Communications of this Grand Chapter for 1864-'65, and a special Convocation held August 15, 1865, in the Ionic Hall, Providence, are presented in a neat pamphlet of 44 pages. M. E. Comp. Nathan H. Gould, G. H. P., presided in 1864, and M. E. Comp. Levi L. Webster in 1865 ; R. E. Comp. S. B. Swan being Grand Secretary. The subordinate Chapters, 5 in number, were fully represented at each meeting. The returns show 624 members, 90 exaltations, and 20 deaths. Receipts, \$415 ; expenses, \$255 ; on hand, \$160. No stocks are held.

The addresses of the G. H. P.'s are interesting in a local point of view, but contain little of general importance. One recommends that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing biographical sketches of the early P. G. H. P.'s, which will no doubt be faithfully complied with, producing a work of much interest to the Companions at large. The other alludes in strong terms to the elevation of Companions to prominent positions in Chapters, which they are incompetent to fill. His remarks on this head are so truly Masonic, that we offer no apology for giving them in full :

“It is with sorrow that I have noticed the elevation of Companions to prominent positions in the Chapter, which they were incompetent to fill ; selected for availability, or because they were next in succession, instead of the most skilful, thereby weakening and marring the Institution ; for we well know that the efficiency of our Chapters depend in a very great degree upon the thorough cultivation of its officers. By cultivation I do not simply mean the well-taught ritualist, but those who have learned to subdue their passions, bringing their natures under the government of proper restraint, with minds alive to the effect of the teachings, which, as faithful leaders, they are to inculcate, and able to check, in the kindest manner, all irregularities in their incipient stages, and illustrating the beauties of their teachings by living up to them in their daily intercourse with the Companions and world ; therefore the greater necessity for care in the selection for so important positions, for they are indeed become lights ‘seen of all men.’ ”

A special Committee, appointed to consider the origin and history of the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

“Your Committee have no doubt but that the best interests of Masonry would be promoted by the union of the Royal Arch and Master's Degrees under one organization. Nevertheless, the important practical questions involved in so great a change cannot be satisfactorily answered, until after a more general expression of opinion by the various Grand Chapters, Grand

Lodges, and well-informed Masons of the country. They therefore deem further action on the part of this Grand Chapter at the present time inexpedient."

Regarding the General Grand Chapter, a special Committee unanimously resolved "That this Grand Chapter has learned with regret of the intention to organize a General Grand Chapter of the United States, and in declining to participate in such formation, must also most emphatically protest against it; that its continued existence cannot subserve the best good of our fraternity; and that neither the prosperity or utility of Royal Arch Masonry require that it should be resuscitated."

By resolution, the word "holy" is erased from the title of this Grand Chapter, which is an improvement, without detracting in any way from the holy teachings which it inculcates.

Three pages are devoted to record the names and official rank held by deceased Companions S. Randall, D. G. H. P., George A. French, G. K. and Grand Lecturer, and Janson Williams, Grand Treasurer for 35 years—all of whom died full of years, full of honors, and in the joyful hope of obtaining seats in that Grand Chapter above where the world's great architect lives and reigns for evermore.

No report on Foreign Correspondence is given, nor any reason for its absence.

M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. S. B. Swan, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter for the years 1861 and 1865 (the peculiar position of military affairs rendering access to Nashville impracticable in 1862-'63-'64, when no Convocations could be convened,) were held in the Masonic Temple, Nashville, on the 14th and 9th October of the respective years. M. E. Comp. Jonathan Huntington presided as G. H. P. on both occasions, and R. E. Comp. Charles A. Fuller acted as

Grand Secretary. Twenty-three out of 32 Chapters were represented. No statistics are given.

The G. H. P. delivered no address at either Convocations, and the business transacted at each was of a purely local nature. One resolution adopted shows that the subordinates of this Grand Chapter have suffered in the same ratio as in other Southern jurisdictions. It was to this effect :

“That the dues of subordinate Chapters for the years 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, be remitted, and that the Grand Secretary return all monies received from representatives at the present session.”

Another resolution appoints a Committee to estimate damages sustained in the Nashville Masonic Temple, which was occupied as the hospital by Federal troops, who destroyed all the robes, jewels, &c., of the Chapter, the claim to be sent to the United States government. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. John Frizzell was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Middlebury, on the 4th October, 1865—M. E. Comp. Gamaliel Washburn, G. H. P., presided, and R. E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary. The entire 14 Chapters on the roll were represented, besides one under dispensation. Number of members returned, 970; receipts, \$404; expenses, \$153; balance, \$251, besides \$225 previously on hand. An investment of \$400 was ordered in U. S. bonds.

The address of the G. H. P. is eloquent and impressive. He congratulates the Companions that “instead of war and fighting, peace and union have taken their places, and that there is now free intercourse and communication between our Masonic Brethren and Companions in the Southern States and ourselves.” He also pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of Companion

S. H. Peirce, P. H. P.; gives a detail of official duties performed during the year; and closes up with a very instructive sketch of his own Masonic life, extending over a period of forty years.

This Grand Chapter requires all subordinates to elect their officers at the Convocation next before the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and instal them one week afterwards. It might be worth while for our own Grand Chapter to give this feature some attention, as by all electing and installing at a fixed period, say in July—it would render the returns more perfect and uniform than at present.

R. E. Comp. C. F. Dana presented an excellent and well-written report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters—Canada amongst the number—in a truly genial and Masonic spirit. His report is justly characterized by the Committee on Jurisprudence as “an able and valuable Masonic paper.”

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring G. H. P., for his urbanity and devotion to the interests of this Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. L. B. Inglesby was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Richmond, on the 14th December, 1865. M. E. Comp. John R. Purdie, G. H. P., presided, and R. E. Comp. J. Dove, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 16 out of 51 subordinate Chapters on the roll. These 16 reported 1,455 members and 20 deaths—the latter including several Companions of eminence in the State. Half the remainder have not submitted returns for from 3 to 12 years, and the balance are extinct. Receipts, \$445; due by subordinates \$699. No other statistics.

Being the first report received from old Virginia in seven

years, we looked for an interesting address from the G. H. P. ; but without avail. Even his official acts are unreported, and not a responsive echo disturbs his closing tenure of office. The Grand Committee—somewhat similar to our Executive Committee—presented their annual report, recommending several resolutions, which were all adopted ; amongst them one appointing five Past High Priests to revise the work of the Capitular Degrees, and to exemplify the same at the next annual Convocation. Disliking as we do all tinkering with rituals, let us hope this Committee will report *true work*, and not defile the Temple with jargon fit only to be heaved amongst rubbish.

A brief report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. Dove, who acknowledged receiving the printed proceedings of 14 Grand Chapters, and, through the politeness of others, he had been made acquainted with the transactions of seven others—Canada included. He congratulates all sister bodies upon their continued harmony and success, and solicits a renewed interchange of fraternal communications.

M. E. Comp. George W. Dame was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Dove, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, Milwaukee, on the 1st February, 1865,—M. E. Comp. Melvin L. Youngs, G. H. P., presiding, and R. E. Comp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary. Representatives were present from 24 subordinate Chapters, out of 26 on the roll. The returns from these give the following figures : Members, 1,129 ; exaltations, 273 ; suspensions, 8 ; rejections, 28 ; deaths, 13 ; receipts, \$1,982 ; expenses, \$812 ; in hand \$1,170.

The address of the G. H. P. is ably written, and has the ring of the true metal in its reflections and suggestions. After thanking the Giver of all good for being able to meet in peace around their altar, while many jurisdictions less favored are the scenes of fratricidal strife and bloodshed, he reverently prays “ that the time may soon come when wars shall cease—when

brother shall no longer raise his hand against brother—when the altars now ruthlessly broken down shall again be reared, and their fires lighted to be no more extinguished forever.” He also states that “capitular Masonry was never more prosperous in Wisconsin than at present. All the subordinate Chapters are well worked, by their own officers; harmony and good feeling prevails throughout; and all are adding to their numbers as rapidly as could be desired by the most sanguine.”

Referring to their ritual, which was last year revised to harmonize with the lectures, he says, that “in many minor points and some essentials, we differ materially from that of even our nearest sister jurisdictions, some of whom have within a few years adopted an almost entirely new work, which is not yet sanctioned by the General G. Chapter. This of course creates considerable confusion, for which I see no remedy except in some definite action by the supreme authority having the matter in charge. I care not what that system of work and lectures may be, only that it be consistent with itself and true to the history of Royal Arch Masonry, be uniform in signs, words and grips, so that in these essentials we may have a universal language, known and understood by all, and not be troubled as we now are, in being refused admission and denied the privilege of visiting neighboring Companions, for want of the means of recognition used by them.”

The foregoing suggestions are of vital moment to every United States jurisdiction, and no time should be lost by the General Grand Chapter in reconciling the ritualistic jargon complained of. No doubt the constant *tinkering* and *revising* practised by over-zealous “bright lights” in certain quarters, have mainly contributed to bring about *confusion* where harmony previously prevailed; but having carried their *correcting* and *improving* so far as to destroy universality in the means of recognition,—thus ignoring ancient charges and established landmarks—it is about time that the higher authority should step in to command a return to primitive usage, before all that is venerated in Masonry for antiquity and grandeur is swept away by modern innovation.

The G. H. P. throws out another pertinent hint, on the too

prevalent custom of conferring degrees on unworthy candidates, which well deserves consideration. As a remedy, he urges "increased watchfulness on the part of Companions, who should all become self-appointed overseers, and with unerring square try every block presented for the building of our mystic temple."

A beautiful P. G. H. P.'s jewel was presented to M. E. Comp. A. B. Alden, with an appropriate address, for eminent services rendered during his term of office. The recipient acknowledged the compliment paid him in a feeling and fraternal spirit.

The other business transacted was merely of a routine nature, possessing no interest to outside jurisdictions.

One of the standing rules of this Grand Chapter provides, "that all candidates for advancement shall pass an examination in open Chapter as to proficiency in preceding degrees, which shall satisfy the Council as to fitness, before such advancement takes place." And another enjoins, "that no officer of a subordinate Chapter shall be installed by proxy; but in case of necessary absence, he may be installed at the next or some subsequent meeting."

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. H. L. Palmer, is prepared with much care, and sound judgment is exercised in the conservative reflections made on quoted extracts. Of the 14 Grand Chapter proceedings reviewed, Canada for 1863-4 receives kindly notice. We hope next year, if again spared to prepare another report, that we will have the Wisconsin transactions for 1865-6, instead of being one year behind, as in the past.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

UNITED STATES GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The nineteenth triennial Convocation of this supreme Grand Chapter was held in the Legislative Chamber of the Ohio State Capitol, Columbus, on the 8th September, 1865—R. E. Comp. John L. Lewis, D. G. G. H. P., presided, in the absence of

M. E. Comp. Albert G. Mackey, G. G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John D. Caldwell acted as G. G. Secretary. Representatives were present from 17 Grand Chapters and 1 subordinate (Kansas). The only statistics given, are those which your Committee have already epitomised with more accuracy from the various State Grand Chapter reports, the reproduction of which are of course unnecessary here.

At a special Convocation held the previous day, a very able address from the G. G. H. P. was read, which lucidly explained the transactions of the past six years. From this we learn that the triennial Convocation appointed to be held at Memphis, in 1862, could not be convened owing to the war then raging. A postponement was accordingly ordered till the return of peace, and hence the meeting under notice. He then states that in 1860 he assembled the G. G. C. Officers at Washington, "to enquire into and establish the *true and ancient work*," in which he says he succeeded to general satisfaction; but from circumstances beyond control was only able to communicate it to New Jersey, North and South Carolina. This revision cost \$611 50. It is to be hoped that a more thorough promulgation will now ensue; for with such discordant sounds as are heard from Wisconsin and other States, it becomes a matter of paramount duty to the G. G. Chapter to see that harmony in this respect takes their place.

The only allusion made to the hostile action of opponents, was by the D. G. G. H. P., who, in his report said:—"The G. G. Chapter has survived the doubts of the timid and the fears of the credulous, who have been its worst foes. It has not been dissolved, and will not be in the coming time. While there is a plurality of jurisdictions left to bear up the staves of its arch upon their shoulders, its ministering spirit may ever cross the Jordan of doubt and difficulty dry-shod, without even a wave to moisten their garments in passing. It has not only to be just, but firm; conciliatory, but decided; true to its mission and faithful to its trust, and the Companions of the land—the old, who have so many hallowed memories connected with it, and the young, who catch the glow of feeling from their elders—will

gather around it as the centre of the sacred circle whence flows such a union of hearts and hands."

The following resolution, agreed to at the special meeting mentioned, will explain what are the functions of this supreme body :—"The G. G. Chapter possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the confederation between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely ; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it, are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to R. A. Masons individually."

These general powers may be summed up in brief as follows : Authority over all subordinates of its own creation ; to open new Chapters in States and Territories not governed by any Grand Chapter ; the right to decide all questions submitted to it as final arbitrator by any of its subordinates ; to see that *the ancient work* is preserved by subordinates in the several degrees ; to establish uniform formulas for installing officers and consecrating Chapters ; and to punish by suspension or otherwise Grand or Subordinate Chapters for non-compliance with its edicts.

If necessity exists for a General Grand Chapter—and that is the question—we think these powers are not calculated to infringe subordinate rights ; but on the contrary, they seem indispensable to secure that harmony and discipline which is essentially required in all Masonic assemblies. It may be true, as objected by those who regard the body as useless, that its machinery is too cumbrous, and that too much legislation is indulged in ; but these objections are capable of remedy, and if any good can be extracted from the organization, it is the duty of those Grand Chapters who complain, to apply the cure and render the supreme head thoroughly effective. We confess, from careful examination of its constitution and proceedings, that we are not strongly prepossessed in its favor ; and when we find that it has so far failed to secure *uniformity in work*—which is the main feature that should commend it to support—

we are still less enamoured with its efficacy. Sixty years of existence ought to have produced more satisfactory results than those claimed by its best friends ; and if the future is not brighter with promise than the past, our candid opinion is, that the collapse of the General Grand Chapter would be an event that would do more good to Royal Arch Masonry than its continued existence could possibly secure. In thus placing our views on record concerning this American bone of contention—and such it really appears to be—we do so on broad Masonic grounds, based on the well-being of the Royal Craft throughout the continent, rather than from any desire to obtrude our opinions or meddle with what might otherwise be regarded as a domestic or family quarrel. In the latter sense it is their own affair, and having drawn “an elephant,” they should find some practical use for it ; but in the former, its utility is open to fair outside criticism, and in this spirit we cannot do otherwise than pronounce against the concern.

The D. G. G. H. P. reports that he granted 6 dispensations for new Chapters during the recess, one of which is at Smyrna, in Turkey, and another at Valparaiso, in Chili ; and the G. G. King granted 4 more—making 10 in all, to 9 of which warrants were granted. The remaining business consisted of votes of thanks to sundry individuals ; a finance report, showing the 6 years' receipts to have been \$1,040, and disbursements \$58, besides \$3,000 in the hands of the late Treasurer ; a number of petty amendments and proposed amendments to the constitution ; a resolution to authorize any three Chapters in the District of Columbia to form a Grand Chapter independent of Maryland ; one to cover irregularities arising out of the late war ; another inviting all Grand Chapters to unite with the G. G. C., irrespective of past differences ; and voting memorial pages to the late M. E. Comps. C. Gilman, of New Hampshire ; R. P. Dunlap, of Maine ; Philip C. Tucker, of Vermont ; E. A. Raymond, of Massachusetts ; S. G. Risk, of Louisiana ; and G. H. C. Melody, of Missouri—all P. G. G. officers.

The next triennial meeting was fixed to be held in St. Louis, on the third Tuesday in September, 1868.

M. E. Comp. John L. Lewis, of Penn Yan, N. Y., was elected G. G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati Grand Secretary.

Your Committee having arrived at the end of their review, it only remains for them to say, that the extracts quoted from the addresses and decisions of sister Grand bodies have been culled with much care, the sole objects contemplated in giving them being, to instruct on the one hand, and on the other to supply for future guidance matured precedents in any controverted issues likely to arise. If they serve these ends, and keep our Companions well informed upon the progress and statistics of the several Grand Chapters with whom we are in correspondence, the labors of your Committee will not have been in vain, nor will this report be without lasting benefit throughout our jurisdiction. *So mote it be.*

They would also express their unalloyed satisfaction at the large measure of prosperity observable in nearly every Grand body whose proceedings have come under notice. Harmony appears to reign supreme in the general conduct of their affairs; fervency and zeal seem to animate all in carrying out the exalted principles of the Royal Craft; and better still, wherever differences have prevailed, the warmest solicitude is expressed that they should be blotted out of remembrance, in order to the most perfect reconciliation between every member of our mystic family. May this spirit ever continue, and Masonry will pursue her glorious mission, in subduing the passions and elevating the nobler instincts of mankind, till time shall be no more, when the world's Great Architect will call us to that better land,

“Where earthly troubles cease their warring strife,
And endless bliss employs an endless life.”

All which is fraternally submitted,

JAS. SEYMOUR,

Chairman Committee For. Cor.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF CANADA, }
St. Catharines, August 14, A. I., 2396. }

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the report of the Committee on Foreign correspondence be received, and that the same be printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter as heretofore.

And be it further resolved—

That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to R. E. Comp. James Seymour, Chairman of said Committee, for the care manifested in the preparation of the same.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thomas McCracken, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously resolved—

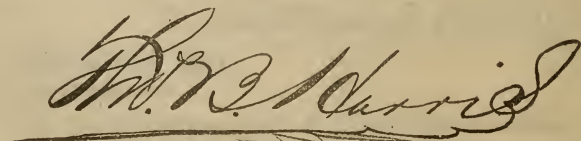
That the thanks of Grand Chapter be and are hereby most cordially tendered to the Companions of the "Mount Moriah" Chapter for their kindness in having placed their commodious and elegantly fitted-up Hall at the disposal of Grand Chapter, for the holding of the present Annual Convocation, as also for the hospitable entertainment extended to all members and representatives in attendance.

The M. E. the presiding officer of the Council installed and invested the elected officers present, who were proclaimed and saluted with the usual masonic ceremonies.

The M. E. Z. directs that each Companion elected or appointed to office, not presenting himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a subscribing member.

The business of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in *Due* form.

ATTEST.



G. S. C.

Statement of Returns of Chapters for the year ending 1866.

Number.	NAME.	PLACE.	Registrations.		Joinings.		Withdrawals.		Suspensions.		Deaths.		Members.		Dues and Fees.	
															\$	c.
1	Ancient Frontenac	Kingston	7	1	2	..	1	48	79	30						
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	11	..	3	..	56	44	20							
4	*St. Andrew's	Toronto	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	St. George's	London	7	..	5	..	30	37	80							
6	St. John's	Hamilton	20	3	..	..	64	73	80							
7	†Moirs	Belleville	..	..	..	..	64	..	..							
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	7	..	15	..	46	50	00							
9	Golden Rule	Stanstead	..	..	..	..	37	..	..							
12	Cataraqui	Kingston	3	..	..	..	24	13	80							
13	Stadacona	Quebec	9	2	9	..	177	3	00							
14	†Bedford District	Dunham	..	..	..	..	10	..	..							
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	..	..	2	..	14	6	00							
16	Carleton	Ottawa	1	..	10	7	32	8	60							
17	Dorchester	Waterloo	3	..	..	..	42	40	90							
18	Oxford	Woodstock	11	..	1	2	39	28	60							
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	13	..	..	..	66	..	..							
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	5	..	..	..	27	17	20							
21	†Carnarvon	Montreal	..	..	..	..	39	24	70							
22	†Grenville	Prescott	..	..	..	..	20	..	..							
23	Ezra	Simcoe	..	..	..	..	11	15	70							
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	8	1	4	..	138	36	70							
25	Mount Horeb	Montreal	..	..	4	..	128	81	70							
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	4	..	..	..	15	9	00							
27	Manitou	Collingwood	..	..	..	..	10	40	00							

*Not working.

†Made no returns for 1866.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll	24
“ “ represented in G. Chapter	19
“ Registrations reported	109
“ Joinings “	6
“ Resignations “	30
“ Suspensions “	24
“ Deaths “	4
“ Restorations “	2
“ Members “	847
Receipts for the year—fees and dues	\$611 00



Comp. **WILLIAM KEELEY**, 26th January, 1866.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, No. 1, KINGSTON.

Comp. **P. HENNESSY**,

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, LONDON.

Bro. **HUGH MORRISON**,

STADACONA CHAPTER, No. 13, QUEBEC.

Comp. **HENRY SEWELL**, 11th January, 1866.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.

Comp. **HENRY HENDERSON**, 22nd Sept., 1865.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 25, MONTREAL.



A T R E S T.



SUSPENSIONS—N. P. D.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.

H. Murray Scott,	Robert Arnold,
Josep Ingram,	William Diamond,
W. W. Winfield,	D. S. Shoemaker,
A. B. McPhee,	Henry Pooley,
C. Ernest,	James Bennett,
Charles Jaques,	James Bowman,
Thomas Bowman,	Donald McMurchy.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.

W. B. Gallwey,	J. S. Vosburg,
A. Brough,	Thos. Austin,
E. Brown,	Thos. Stent.
A. Laver,	

Oxford Chapter, No. 18. Woodstock.

John McWhinne,	Andrew Ross.
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RESTORATIONS.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.

S. B. Campbell.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.

Francis Bell.

Returns of Subordinate Chapters,

RENDERED A. D., 1866.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1795.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in Feb'ry, May, Aug't & Nov'r.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,	Z
"	" Geo. M. Wilkinson,	H
"	" R. M. Horsey,	J
"	R. W. Barrow,	Scribe E

Number of Members 48

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1820.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	W. W. Pringle,	Z
"	" David Gillies,	H
"	" C. W. Smith,	J
"	F. C. Bruce,	Scribe E

Number of Members 56

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.		Z	} No Returns since 1863. Not work'g.
"	"	H	
"	"	J	
"	James Bain,	Scribe N	

Number of Members 00

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May August and Nov.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	A. G. Smyth,	Z
"	" Thomas Westlake,	H
"	" T. F. McMullen,	J
"	John Smart,	Scribe E

Number of Members 30

No. 6.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	John W. Murton,	Z
"	" Benj. E. Charlton,	H
"	" James Richmond,	J
"	Richard White,	Scribe E

Number of Members 64

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Z	} No returns, 1865-6.
"	H	
"	J	
"	Scribe E	

Number of Members 64

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO,

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1857.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Augustus T. Houel,	Z
"	" C. W. Bunting,	H
"	" Jas. Curgenvin,	J
"	" Alex. M. Monroe,	Scribe E

Number of Members 46

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	H. J. Martin,	Z	} No returns, 1866.
"	" W. S. Foster,	H	
"	" B. H. Steele,	J	
"	" C. H. Kathan,	Scribe E	

Number of Members 37

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A. D., 1850.—AFFILIATED, A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	John V. Noel,	Z
"	" John N. Glidden,	H
"	" Robt. Hendry, Junr.,	J
"	" A. Finnemore,	Scribe E

Number of Members 24

No. 13.—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A. D., 1854.—AFFILIATED, A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Lambert,	Z
"	" Charles Joncas, Junr.,	H
"	" Heber Budden,	J
"	" Wm. Couper,	Scribe E

Number of Members 77

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday preceding full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.		Z	} No return, since formation.
"	"	H	
"	"	J	

Number of Members 10

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	William M. Jamieson,	Z
“	“ W. P. Vidal,	H
“	“ T. Blair Pardee,	J
“	“ E. R. Jones,	Scribe E

Number of Members 14

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. & Dec.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Henry A. Sims,	Z
“	“ Thomas C. Clarke,	H
“	“ Robert Lyon,	J
“	“ Fred. Marett,	Scribe E

Number of Members 32

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday in every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	W. A. Taylor,	Z
“	“ W. G. Parmelee,	H
“	“ George H. Allen,	J
“	“ C. Skinner,	Scribe E

Number of Members 42

No. 18.—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Turquand,	Z
“	“ Charles L. Beard,	H
“	“ John Chalmers,	J
“	“ George White,	Scribe E

Number of Members 39

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Samuel G. Dolson,	Z
V. “	“ Henry Carlisle,	H
“	“ Robert Struthers,	J
“	“ Geo. Groves,	Scribe E

Number of Members 66

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	David Curtis,	Z
V. “	“ John W. Lethbridge,	H
“	“ A. Howie,	J
“	“ F. Mudge,	Scribe E

Number of Members 27

No. 21.—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Alex. A. Stevenson,	Z	} No returns, 1866.
“ “	“ Isaac H. Stearns,	H	
“ “	“ Arthur R. Sowdon,	J	
“ “	“ David Douglas,	Scribe E	

Number of Members 39

No. 22.—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	William H. Brouse,	Z	} No returns, 1866.
“ “	“ Alex. G. Macdonell,	H	
“ “	“ Richey Waugh,	J	
“	“ Mathew Dowsley,	Scribe E	

Number of Members 20

No. 23.—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	John Clarke,	Z
"	" John Williamson,	H
"	" John Wilson,	J
"	R. C. Lyons,	Scribe E

Number of Members 20

No. 24.—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1863.

Stated Meetings—last Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Charles Kahn,	Z
"	" John Dutton,	H
"	" Thomas Winter,	J
"	James A. Carroll,	Scribe E

Number of Members 38

No. 25.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

AFFILIATED—A. D., 1864.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Milton,	Z
"	" Wm. Geo. Slack,	H
"	" Wm. Johnson,	J
"	George Wilson,	Scribe E

Number of Members 38

No. 26.—ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1865.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	H. W. Day,	Z
"	" W. Bleasdel,	H
"	" Peter Begg,	J

Number of Members 15

No. 27.—MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month,

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Henry Robertson,	Z
"	" Henry Macpherson,	H
"	" Edward A. Walker,	J

Number of Members 10

U. D. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1866.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	William McCabe,	Z
"	" Geo. Hy. Dartnell,	H
"	" Bradford Patterson,	J

Charter Members 11

U. D. McCALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1866.

Stated Meeting—Friday on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Lachlan McCallum,	Z
"	" Arr Brownson,	H
"	" Jabez Amsden,	J

Charter Members 10



LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

WITH THE

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THEIR GRAND SECRETARIES.

England.....	Wm. Gray Clarke..	London.
Scotland.....	L. Mackersy.....	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Hon. Geo. Handcock	Dublin.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	W. D. Blocker	Little Rock.
California.....	L. C. Owen	San Francisco.
Connecticut.....	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	Hugh A. Corley....	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russel	Angusta
Indiana	William Hacker....	Shelbyville.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds....	Springfield
Iowa.....	W. B. Langridge....	Muscatine
Kansas.....	E. T. Carr.....	Fort Leavenworth.
Kentucky	Philip Swiggert	Frankfort.
Lousiana	Samuel M. Todd ...	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry	Portland
Maryland.....	W. Morris Smith ...	Washington, D. C.
Massacnusetts.....	Thomas Waterman..	Boston.
Michigan	J. Eastman Johnson	Centreville.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Oscar T. Keeler	Columbus.
Missouri.....	Geo. F. Gouley	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	Horace Chase.....	Hopkinton.
New York.....	J. O. Cole.....	Albany.
New Jersey.....	J. Woolverton.....	Trenton.
North Carolina	Thomas B. Carr	Wilmington.
Ohio	John D, Cadwell...	Cincinatti.
Oregon.....	B. F. Goodwin	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John Thompson	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Samuel B. Swan....	Providence.
South Carolina	E. Thayer.....	Charleston.
Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
Texas	Robt. Brewster.....	Houston.
Vermont	John B. Hollenbeck.	Burlington,
Virginia.....	John Dove	Richmond.
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.

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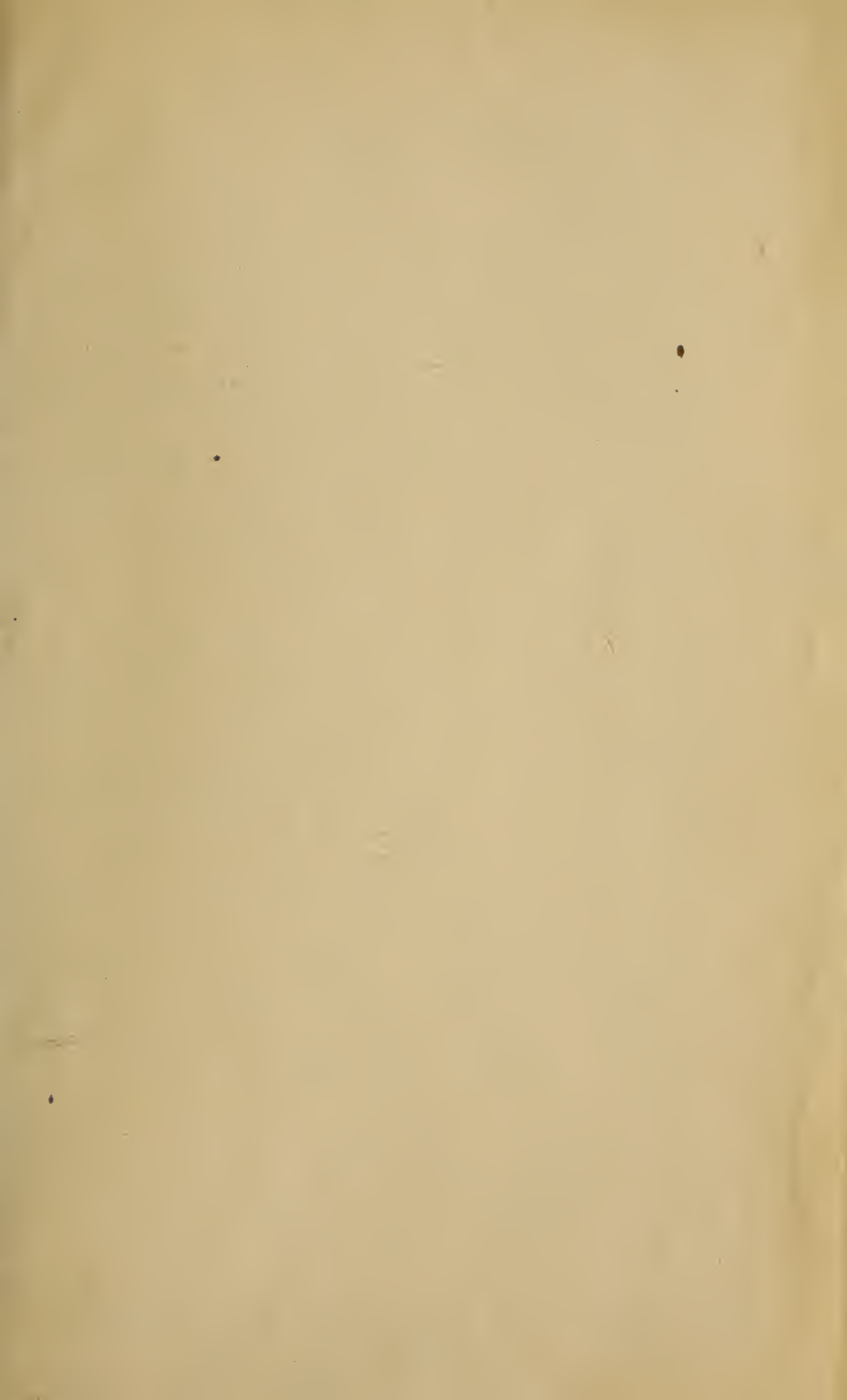
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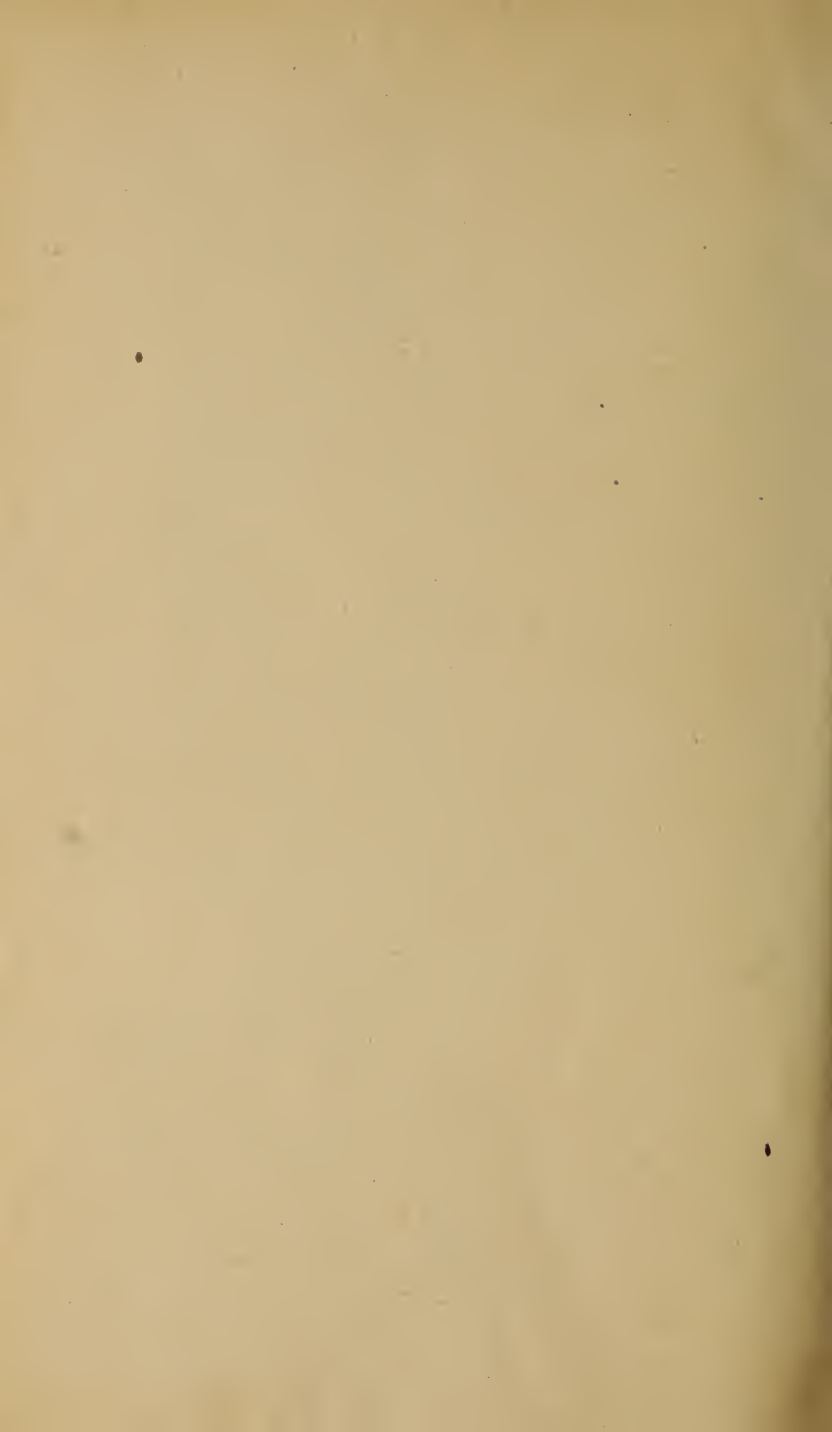
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" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe E.
" " "	Henry A. Sims,	" "	N.
" " "	John S. Bowen,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" " "	John W. Murton,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	W. M. Jamieson,	"	Registrar.
" " "	Aug. T. Houel,	"	First As't Sojourner.
V. " "	W. W. Pringle,	"	Second " "
" " "	Thos. F. McMullen,	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	John W. Lethbridge,	"	Standard Bearer.
" " "	William H. Brouse,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	John P. Featherston,	"	Organist.
" " "	Stanislaus H. Blondheim,	"	Pursuivant.
" " "	A. R. Sowdon,	}	" Stewards.
" " "	Henry W. Day,		
" " "	Henry Carlisle,		
" " "	John Wilson,		

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

R. E. Comp.	Charles Kahn.....	<i>London</i>	<i>District.</i>
" " "	David Curtis.....	<i>Wilson</i>	"
" " "	Thomas Duggan.....	<i>Hamilton</i>	"
" " "	James Adams	<i>Toronto</i>	"
" " "	L. H. Henderson.....	<i>Pr. Edward</i>	"
" " "	E. H. Parker	<i>Central</i>	"
" " "	Thos. Milton.....	<i>Montreal</i>	"
" " "	H. L. Robinson.....	<i>East'n Town'ps</i>	"
" " "	Thomas Lambert	<i>Quebec</i>	"







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